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Tehran retaliates by raiding an oilfield and two vessels

Americans attack Iranian ships and oil platforms

WASHINGTON, April 18, (Agencies): Two American jet fighters, responding to an attack, struck a belligerent Iranian frigate with missiles today, leaving the vessel burning in the Gulf, the Pentagon said. The attack came just hours after US Navy vessels attacked and destroyed two Iranian oil platforms.

The US Navy also sank an Iranian patrol boat which fired a missile at the American cruiser Wainwright.

Pentagon spokesman Dan Howard said the attack occurred at 1230 GMT today when the Iranian frigate Sahand approached three American warships, and was requested by radio to turn away.

The Sahand ignored repeated warnings from an E-2C Hawkeye reconnaissance aircraft flying overhead, and fired on three A-6 intruder aircraft patrolling in the area.

The intruders returned fire with two Harpoon missiles and a number of laser guided bombs," Howard said.

Damaged

The exchange of fire took place about seven hours after American warships destroyed two Iranian oil rigs in the Gulf in retaliation for the Iranian laying of mines in the Gulf, one of which apparently blew a hole in the side of the US frigate Samuel B. Roberts last Thursday.

One of the three American ships, the missile destroyer Strauss, also shot a Harpoon on the Sahand, Howard said. "All the ordnance appears to have hit the frigate and it's heavily damaged. It's on fire at the moment," the Pentagon spokesman said.

He said the incident occurred about 10 miles southwest of Larak island in the Strait of Hormuz at the mouth of the Gulf.

The attack on the Iranian frigate came hours after US forces attacked and destroyed two Iranian oil platforms in the Gulf in retaliation for the destruction of the USS Samuel B. Roberts by a mine last week.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater announced that six American warships attacked the Sirri and Sasan oil installations in the southern Gulf, said to have doubled as armed radar facilities used to coordinate attacks on Gulf shipping.

Fitzwater said the White House had "conclusive evidence" that Iran had laid the mine that hit the Roberts and had laid other mines in the area.

The government of Iran has repeatedly been warned about the consequences of such hostile acts," he said. "Our actions... are designed and intended to deter further Iranian mining."

Fitzwater reported that President Reagan decided on the attack last night during meetings in the private residence of the White House.

They said the 25,039-ton Omnim Prud, carrying fertiliser from the UAE port of Ruweis, was attacked at about 4:20 pm (1220 GMT). There were no reports of casualties.

Shipping sources said a third oil platform at Raksh was also on fire, apparently confirming a Tehran Radio report of US forces attacking three Iranian oil platforms. But US officials said they were not aware of an assault on a third platform.

Iran also reported US helicopters late yesterday exchanged fire with Iranian forces on the strategic Iranian-occupied Faw peninsula in southern Iraq, where Iraqi forces launched an offensive early yesterday. US officials said they were not aware of any US involvement in Faw.

In a statement reported by the Islamic Republic News Agency, called the US attacks "an empty bravado" and "a weak ballyhoo which will not go unanswered." It also said the United States and Iraq, Tehran's foe in nearly eight years of fighting in the Gulf, were conspiring against Iran and said Washington would not be able to save the Baghdad regime from defeat.

Tehran Radio said Iran's Revolutionary Guards Corps was calling for fresh volunteers to go to the Gulf to fight US forces.

US officials said there were no American casualties when the US forces destroyed the oil platforms at Sirri and Sasan — one

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INTERNATIONAL

Opposition blamed for trying to block US aid

Ershad threatens to try foes

DHAKA, April 18, (UPI): President Hussain Mohammad Ershad has threatened to put some opposition leaders on trial as his government began releasing prisoners held since last year's anti-government protests.

Assailants hurled four homemade bombs at the office of the government-owned weekly news magazine "Bichitra," which ran a cover story entitled, "Failed five years of opposition demonstrations" in this week's edition.

No casualties were reported in the bomb attack, which shattered windows and damaged furniture.

Subversion

About 10 minutes after the attack, an unidentified person telephoned the magazine office and said: "There is still time for you to correct yourselves. Write properly about the opposition news."

The bombing came after Sheikh Hasina Wajed, president of the opposition Awami League, criticised the government-run press.

Ershad lashed out at the opposition in a speech to 15,000 primary school teachers.

"Those opposition leaders

who tried to persuade the United States to stop help to Bangladesh and intervene into its internal affairs in fact indulged in subversion," Ershad said. "Failing in their programmes of protest against the government, they went to Washington and other friendly countries, which help Bangladesh economically, to smear the image of the government."

Without identifying the leaders, Ershad said they should be put on trial.

Ershad's threat came eight days before an opposition-planned eight-hour work and transport stoppage to block the opening of the parliament scheduled for April 25.

Home Minister Abdul Matin said the government planned to release all political prisoners barring those against whom there were specific charges.

Elections

The government released 221 prisoners yesterday, and ministry sources said they were part of an expected release of an estimated 2,000 political workers and leaders arrested in opposition protests last November and December.

Of some 6,000 people arrested

in the protests, 2,000 were released earlier and charges have been brought against 1,500 others, ministry sources said.

Ershad, a former Army chief of staff, seized power in a March 1982 coup and gave himself a five-year term in October 1986 following elections after four years of martial law rule.

But the opposition said the presidential elections were fraud and demanded his resignation. Ershad responded by dissolving parliament barely 18 months after it was elected and held elections last April.

The two major opposition parties, the Awami League, and the Bangladesh Nationalist Party of Begum Khalida Zia, boycotted the polls and rejected the new parliament.

Last week, Ershad lifted the state of emergency he imposed on Nov. 27, 1987 and called the parliament into session for April 25.

Independent Bengali-language daily, the Ittefaq, quoting reliable sources, reported today there are about 2,500 political prisoners held in different jails.

The paper said more than 4,500 political leaders and activists were detained and jailed for

various terms under the state of emergency declared in November last year after the mainstream opposition launched a campaign to force resignation of Ershad.

It said more than 2,000 detainees have been released since then.

In a separate development, nearly 100 people were injured when Bangladeshi students demanding the right to cheat during college final examinations fought teachers and police yesterday.

The police said they fired bird shots, used truncheons and arrested 16 people while dispersing hundreds of students who ransacked examination centres in northern Bogra district.

Police also fought running battles with students in western Chuadanga district, where about 1,000 examinees walked out protesting against "too tight" monitoring.

At some places students shouted: "We seek the right to copy" and "expel unsympathetic invigilators," witnesses told reporters.

Nearly 500 people were injured in similar clashes during school final examinations in March, according to official figures.

F-16 crashes in W. Germany

India fails to persuade Washington

US won't stop arms to Pakistan

NEW DELHI, April 18, (UPI): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi said a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan would not stop Washington from supplying arms to Pakistan, despite India's attempts to end the aid to its archrival, the Press Trust of India reported today.

It was the first official statement about prospects of a US military cutoff to Islamabad since Rajiv discussed the issue during a visit earlier this month by US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci.

"We were given to understand that arms supplies to Pakistan would be stopped if Soviet troops were pulled out from Afghanistan," Rajiv told the Press Trust.

India, which has fought three wars with Pakistan since independence in 1948, charges the US-supplied arms and war materials are being deployed against it and claims Washington is fueling an arms race on the subcontinent. New Delhi manufactures much of its own hardware, with most military imports coming from Moscow.

The Press Trust reported the prime minister also said the Reagan administration "was glossing over Pakistan's feverish attempts to develop nuclear weapons."

Delhi has criticised Washington's waiving in Pakistan's case of US laws that make it illegal to give military assistance to any nation that has not signed the nuclear non-proliferation treaty but might possess atomic weaponry.

Islamabad insists its nuclear programme is peaceful and rejects allegations that it is developing weapons. India detonated a nuclear device in 1974 and claims it has no atomic arsenal, but could build one if constrained to do so."

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A Delhi policeman pushes away a protester after police prevented the students from marching to the Pakistan embassy. They were protesting against alleged Pakistani support to Sikh terrorists. (Reuters wirephoto)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bombs explode

FRANKFURT, April 18, (UPI): Bombs exploded early today within a few minutes of each other outside the Jewish Community Centre and the office of the Saudi Arabian airlines in downtown Frankfurt, causing considerable damage, but no injuries, police reported. It was not known whether there was a connection between the two attacks.

No organisation took responsibility for the bombings. Police said political motives were possible.

Demonstrations

MOSCOW, April 18, (Reuter): Residents of the Soviet industrial city of Volgograd have held demonstrations and petitioned the authorities to clean up chemical pollution, the Communist Party newspaper Pravda said today.

Pravda said emissions of phenol, formaldehyde, chloric acid and other chemicals had affected the health of new-born babies in the city, formerly called Stalingrad, and factories were not being equipped with air filters quickly enough.

Police shooting

NAIROBI, Kenya, April 18, (AP): A policeman went berserk in downtown Nairobi, shooting dead at least three people and critically wounding a fourth, police said today.

A police spokesman said the gunman, identified only as a constable in the paramilitary general service unit, gave himself up to police this morning.

Muslims protest

COLOMBO, April 18, (Reuters): Muslim shop owners closed dozens of shops in Colombo today to protest against the killing of 10 Muslims by Tamil guerrillas in Sri Lanka's Jaffna province last month.

A spokesman for the Islamic students' organisation, which called the protest, said most shops owned by Muslims put up their shutters. The protest coincided with the start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

On March 31, Tamil guerrillas gunned down 10 Muslims and set fire to over 200 buildings in raids on two villages in the Ampara district.

Officers killed

MANILA, April 18, (AP): Suspected communist rebels killed a police officer in central Manila and a naval intelligence official in a Manila suburb in separate weekend attacks, the military said today.

A Philippine constabulary report said patrolman Leon Umali was slain yesterday by five men in San Simon, some 50 kilometres (30 miles) north of Manila.

Prince Hassan

SINGAPORE, April 18 (UPI): Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan arrived today for a two-day visit and held talks with President Wee Kim Wee at the presidential palace. The Prince, accompanied by his wife, Princess Sarvath, and an entourage of ministers and dignitaries, was given a red carpet welcome.

The Prince later called on the acting Prime Minister and Defence Minister, Goh Chok Tong, at the palace.

Bombing suspect

NAPLES, Italy, April 18, (Reuters): Italian police believe a known Middle East guerrilla worked with a Japanese explosives expert in the car bombing which killed five people outside a US servicemen's club in Naples last Thursday.

Naples police sources said the suspect was known to international anti-terrorist police and was thought to belong to the Islamic Jihad group operating from Lebanon.

Mao statue

BEIJING, April 18, (AP): Workers at Beijing University have demolished a four-story statue of Mao Tse-Tung, the tarnished and increasingly ignored founder of Communist China.

The statue of Chairman Mao in front of the main library was one of the largest in the nation. It stood at China's most prestigious college as a symbol of the disastrous 1966-76 cultural revolution started by leftist students with Mao's backing.

Tibet protest

BEIJING, April 18, (Reuters): Underground anti-Chinese protests are continuing in Tibet despite a police crackdown following rioting in March, according to a Tibetan newspaper report.

In a front-page notice in the official Tibet daily, dated April 7 but reaching Peking only today, Lhasa police warned pro-independence activists to "halt all illegal activities."

Ancient tomb unearthed near Cairo

CAIRO, April 18, (UPI): Officials confirmed today that an ancient Egyptian tomb was unearthed north east of Cairo containing paintings and inscriptions in pristine condition, although they were made some 2,500 years ago.

Archaeologist Zahi Hawas of the government's antiquities department said the tomb was discovered at Heliopolis, which the ancients called on and was the centre of the sun worship in ancient times.

Calling it "the first complete tomb to be found in good condition," Hawas said "colourful" and beautiful paintings and inscriptions decorate its walls and vaulted ceiling, still in pristine condition.

The tomb dates back to the era of King Psammetichus of the 26th dynasty who ruled Egypt between 664 and 610 BC. This monarch is credited with thrashing Assyria.

Assuming the Soviets adhere to the schedule of pulling all their troops out of Afghanistan by February 1989, one of the major irritants in US-Soviet relations will have been removed.

Emigration

As he returned from Geneva, Shultz listed other topics to be discussed in Moscow beginning Thursday, as planning continues for the May 29 to June 2 summit between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

The Soviets appear to have decided to take the offensive on the human rights issue instead of just reacting to American charges. A Soviet Foreign Ministry official said that the United States has signed only five of 21

major international human rights documents.

Those agreements have frequently been rejected by Congress because of clauses that were seen to be either anti-American or anti-Israeli in nature.

With Afghanistan apparently off the agenda, the United States will continue to push for Soviet pressure to bring about a pullout of Vietnamese forces from Cambodia and Cuban forces from Angola.

Gulf war

Shultz will continue to try to stop the Soviets from ending what he has called "their foot-dragging" on an enforcement resolution that would bring pressure on Iran to join a cease-fire in its war with Iraq.

On arms control, a serious hitch has developed in putting together a strategic arms reduction agreement, which is supposed to be the centrepiece of the Moscow summit, US officials say.

The two sides cannot agree on how to identify and verify sea-launched cruise missiles.

Dissident cleric blasts Khomeini

NEW YORK, April 18, (Reuters): A top Iranian cleric blasted Ayatollah Khomeini and said Iranian clergymen were moderates seeking rapprochement with the West, Newsweek international said.

Ayatollah Mehdi Alghanim, France-based European spokesman for Iran's grand ayatollahs, told the magazine:

"(Iranian spiritual leader) Khomeini is an extremist, a revolutionary. And if he has created a following abroad it is not because he is a man of God, but because he is an extremist who has no fear of the West."

"He realises that the majority of Iran's clerics have begun to turn against him because Khomeini's Islam does not correspond to the Islam we revere. He follows an Islam that promotes hostage takings and hijackings," Rouhani was quoted as saying.

"I can tell you that the majority of the Iranian clergy is moderate and favours a rapprochement with the West."

"The real danger to (Khomeini's) regime comes not from the Army or the United States or Iraq, but from the clergy. This is why it was forced to return to Iran today. I know I would be executed."

A Jackson victory would throw the light into disarray when party leaders desperately want to settle the nomination

Dukakis seeks help from actress cousin

NEW YORK, April 18, (Reuters): Democratic presidential frontrunner Michael Dukakis called in his Oscar-winning actress cousin Olympia as well as Senator Edward Kennedy today to campaign for him in Tuesday's New York primary.

Kennedy, a hero to New York's Irish Catholics, planned to stump up support outside the Bronx while Dukakis and his cousin, who won an Academy Award for her supporting role in "Moonstruck", campaigned in Lower Manhattan.

The Massachusetts Governor, according to political commentators, was aiming to give a touch of star quality to his efficient but colourless campaign.

Dukakis holds a slim lead over black civil rights campaigner Jesse Jackson in the race for the 2,082 convention delegates needed to win the Democratic nomination in July. He hoped to stretch his lead on Tuesday when New York Democrats pick 25

Security around Algiers airport ...

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The gunmen, who according to an Arab source are eight, two Lebanese, two Iraqis, two Iranians and two of unknown nationality, and are led by a man called Jamil, continue to blow hot and cold.

In an established pattern they follow every apparent lull in the course of events with a menacing threat.

Yesterday afternoon the hijackers forced a Kuwaiti passenger, Fahmi Doukhi, who works for Kuwait Airways, to plead with the Kuwaiti government to release the 17 prisoners in return for the freedom for the hostages.

"If the Kuwaiti government does not release the 17 prisoners, our fate will be black," said Fahmi, son of a famous singer now deceased. He also said what his fellow passengers were doing and sent his love to his family.

Spirit
As the Algerians began to fast, questions are repeatedly being asked about whether the negotiating parties will make use of the occasion of Ramadan, the spirit of which is to promote feelings of compassion for fellow Muslims, to soften their attitudes and give hope that not all is lost for those held hostage.

Sources here said today that the PLO chairman Yasser Arafat may pay a visit to Algiers shortly but there are no indications that his visit, if it takes place, would have anything to do with the hijack crisis.

PLO officials in Cyprus were still in mediation while the plane was grounded at Larnaca airport.

The current visit of Algeria's Foreign Minister Dr. Taleb El Torammi to Libya has given rise to speculations that the diplomat is paving the way for the hijacked plane to leave for Libya. However, an Algerian source said the visit was just one of many contacts going on between the two neighbouring countries.

Reuter adds: A member of Kuwait's ruling family held hostage made a terrified plea today for the release of the 17 prisoners.

Audible

Fadel Al Sabah, his voice barely audible, called for the release of the prisoners in Kuwait via a radio broadcast.

The hostage, one of three members of Kuwait's ruling Al Sabah family aboard, was obviously in a feeble condition and had to be prompted by gunmen on the plane's flight deck.

His appeal was made after the estimated 31 remaining hostages on the Kuwait Airways Boeing 747 became the longest-serving prisoners on an airliner in the history of hijacking.

Last Iranian defence line on Faw destroyed

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the Iraqis had taken a large salt pan, which formed a natural barrier against armour moving towards the terminal at the tip of the peninsula.

The land between the salt pan and the terminal, however, is hard and suitable for tanks and other armoured vehicles.

One diplomat in Baghdad said Iraq might have ferried its armour along the Khaw Abd Allah channel for the final assault. Iraq said its forces had recaptured the bank of the channel in the first hours of the offensive.

Kuwait's Bubiyan island lies on the western side of the narrow channel, which leads to Iraq's only naval base at Umm Qasr.

Iraq also said it launched more missiles against Iran today, firing two at Qom and one each at Tehran and Shiraz.

Family debts to be settled

HH the Amir has asked the government to settle all debts owed by the families of the two hostages killed by hijackers of a Kuwaiti airliner.

The government would also continue to pay the salaries of the dead men to their families.

Fireman Khaled Ayoub Bandar, 20, and border security guard Abdullah Mohammed Al Khalidi, 25, were killed by the hijackers at Larnaca airport last week.

An emergency cabinet meeting reviewed the latest developments in talks to free an estimated 31 hostages still on the Kuwait Airways Boeing 747 in Algiers.

Egorov dies

AMSTERDAM, April 18. (AP): Yuri Egorov, a Soviet-born pianist who defected to the Netherlands in 1977, died yesterday of meningitis, his agent confirmed today.

Afghan guerrillas hold cabinet meeting

ISLAMABAD, April 18. (Reuters): Afghan guerrillas held the first "cabinet meeting" of a provisional government in a move diplomats described as a bid to unify their seven-party alliance.

The first cabinet session of the provisional government ... was held today, the Pakistan-based Islamic Unity of Afghan mujahideen (Ittehad-i-Islami), fighting to topple the Soviet-backed Kabul government, said in a statement.

Diplomats said the wording of the statement suggested that it was not an official proclamation of a provisional government, although it indicated such a move was near.

Posts

The alliance earlier this year proposed a transitional government headed by US-educated engineer Ahmad Shah and said it would be composed mainly of guerrillas and refugees, with only a 25 per cent share for "other Muslims in Afghanistan."

It has rejected an invitation by President Najibullah to form a coalition government of national reconciliation and has vowed to continue the nine-year-old war until he is toppled.

Today's statement said the meeting was presided over by Shah, deputy leader of the mujahideen, and the session was inaugurated by alliance chairman Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

"In this session questions

relating to the formation of the provisional government and its sundry aspects were discussed," the statement said.

A diplomat said some guerrilla leaders wanted appointments to the provisional government to be approved by their military commanders inside Afghanistan before it was proclaimed.

Organised

"The meeting shows the mujahideen are organising themselves and sends a message that they are able to agree on their own government, something they have been unable to do for eight years," one diplomat said.

The alliance condemned the Geneva agreement signed last week because it made no provision for a neutral transitional government.

The guerrillas say Najibullah's government was imposed at gunpoint by Moscow and the withdrawal of an estimated 115,000 Soviet troops stipulated by the accord will not be complete until his administration is removed.

The alliance said later the meeting decided to send three teams into Afghanistan as soon as possible to find a secure place to establish a provisional government.

A statement quoted Ahmad Shah as saying after the meeting that two people from each of the seven alliance parties would take part in these missions.

The cabinet also decided to meet once a week.

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Two killed in Pakistan as rocket explodes

(Continued from Page 1)
ISLAMABAD, April 18. (UPI): A rocket exploded in the hands of an expert of an Army disposal team clearing ordnance from the rubble of an ammunition depot, killing two and injuring eight others, Defence Ministry and hospital sources said.

The rocket exploded yesterday as the Army team was loading it aboard a truck for transport to Barakabu on the outskirts of Islamabad. Unexploded ordnance has been detonated by remote control in a massive cleanup following the April 10 fire and explosions at the Ojri Army ammunition depot in Faizabad.

At least 100 people were killed and 1,100 injured by the explosions in Faizabad that shattered the crossroads town and the cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi with rockets, mortar and other ordnance.

President Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq on Thursday blamed unidentified saboteurs for the blast at the camp believed to be loaded with weapons and ammunition for Muslim guerrillas in neighbouring Afghanistan.

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Arafat accuses US of complicity

"We were in the bedroom. My husband heard an unusual noise at the gate of the villa. He took his revolver and I ran out behind him shouting 'what's happening?' She told the semi-official Mouria, or Liberty, newspaper. "He didn't reply. He stood in the corner of the first floor landing of the villa. I was at the other end.

Shots

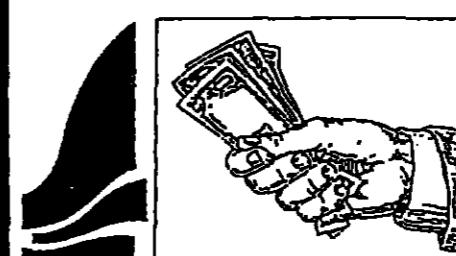
"The first one (gunman) fired a volley of shots, the second fired another, the third still another," she said. "I turned my face to the wall. I expected them to kill me too. But they didn't."

Tunis where the gunmen apparently escaped by sea. The assailants left few clues in the vehicles other than some empty mineral water bottles, empty fruit juice cans, and a pair of high-heeled shoes, police sources said.

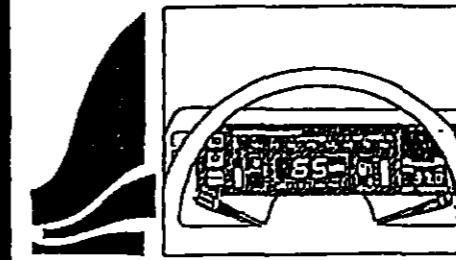
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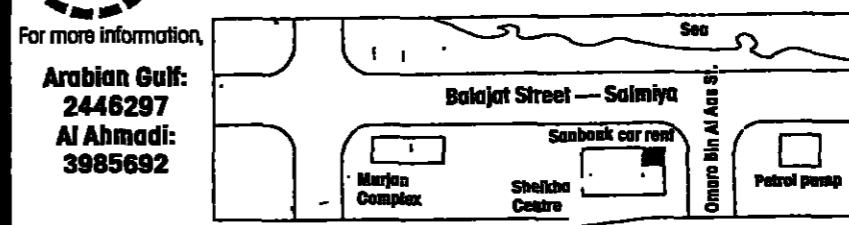


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Pharmacist should advise patients

By Fathima Ahmed

DOCTORS have called on pharmacists to play the role of "advisers" to patients. The call was made at the recently held seminar on misuse of drugs.

Dr Abdulla M. Assad, director of the pharmaceutical department, Kuwait, said: "The concept of the pharmacist as a dispenser of medicine is outdated in Kuwait." There is a need for a more practical approach, he said.

The ministry is now adopting a "more universal approach," expanding the role played by the pharmacists. "We want him (pharmacist) to be an adviser, telling patients on how best to use medicines, avoid side-effects and generally prevent misuse of drugs."

Dangerous

For instance, a random survey of 120 patients at the Addan Hospital done by Dr Assad, revealed that at least 18 per cent did not take medicine dosage as advised, but took all three doses at one time, particularly during Ramadan. Doctors say combined dosage could be dangerous, and may prove fatal in the case of diabetic patients.

Glue sniffing, misuse of steroids, beta-blockers, cough medicine and other drugs are more prevalent in Western countries but there is growing concern that they may affect Kuwaiti society, he said.



Dr Abdulla Assad



Dr Mohammad Aslam

John Ramsey, a British expert speaking at the seminar said glue sniffing causes 100 deaths per year in the UK, and the majority are among 15-year-old males. He said they misuse all adhesives ranging from typewriter correcting fluid, cigarette lighter refills to fly sprays and other products.

Banned

In Kuwait, doctors are worried about the use of "kohl", a high lead-containing eyeliner. Dr. Assad and Dr Mohammad Aslam of Nottingham University surveyed the Addan, Jahra and Farwania areas to study the number of kohl users. "Between 15 and 20 per cent of all women used it on a regular basis," they said. The use of kohl by pregnant women led to deformed babies."

The Ministry of Health, Kuwait, imports medicine

valued between KD7 and 10 million per year. Assad said they hold stocks to last 18 months. In the private sector, the turnover of medicine is higher.

The health authorities have banned over-the-counter sales of "certain groups" of drugs like psychotropic. The import, sale and dispensing of psychotropic drugs, anti-depressants, etc. has been restricted by a recent Amiri decree.

The seminar was attended by Dr. Brian Widdop, Dr. David Cowan and 200 local doctors, pharmacists and nurses.

The two-day seminar, held at the Mubarak Al Kabir Hospital, was organised by the Ministry of Health in cooperation with the Nottingham University, UK. The UK delegation was led by Dr Mohammad Aslam.

Uprising will continue until liberation of Palestine

"THE Palestinian uprising will excavate a new trend, create a new spirit, and establish a new road that lives up to the level of our people's sacrifices", Palestinian martyr Abu Jihad was quoted as saying by a Kuwaiti daily.

In an interview before his death and described by the newspaper as the last the Palestinian leader gave, Abu Jihad said Palestinians of all classes, sects and ages have been taking part in the 5-month uprising.

He confirmed the participation of the Palestinian religious factor in the ongoing upheaval, noting that it has been characteristic that it has never been fanatic or sectarian.

The Palestinian uprising will continue, said Abu Jihad, until it achieves its proclaimed goals of liberation and national independence, however this needs creating a more efficient Palestinian Arab formula.

Abu Jihad, who was assassinated 24 hours before the publication of the interview, said all

pressures have failed to find a substitute for the PLO, including the US through its various plans. "We do not rule out further US pressures that will encourage Israel to continue its brutal repression to stave off the uprising and its results," he said.

Required Arab support of the uprising has not reached our people. It was late. Too late. There is no justification for this delay," he said, bitterly criticising the Arab inefficiency in this regard.

Bargain
The Palestinian martyr, who was in charge of the occupied land affairs, denied reports about a Soviet-Jordanian bargain aimed at putting pressure on the PLO to accept participation in an international Mideast conference as part of a Jordanian delegation.

Casting doubt on the Soviet stand is part of the plot aimed at aborting the uprising," said Abu Jihad, noting that the official Soviet stand calls for an international conference with PLO

participation provided that such a conference enjoys full authority.

Over non-use of arms in the uprising, the late Palestinian military leader said this method resulted in world-wide support for the uprising even amongst Western political parties, groups and mass media which traditionally supported Israel in a blind manner.

Trespass

Further Israeli brutalities will lead to escalating advocacy for the Palestinian struggle and legitimate rights, said Abu Jihad who affirmed that no party will ever be able to trespass the PLO in its capacity as the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

In reply to a question about the outcome of the uprising, Abu Jihad stressed that it has revealed the brutal essence of the Zionist entity, secured wide support for the Palestinian cause, represented a war of attrition against Israel, and deepened our conviction in our inevitable victory.

Disaster relief fund

THE Prime Minister of Pakistan has appealed to all overseas Pakistanis to donate money to the Prime Minister's Disaster Relief Fund to help people affected by the colossal loss of life and property as a result of the explosion at the Ojri ammunition depot on April 10.

In a press release, the Pakistan Embassy in Kuwait said that donations can be deposited in Pakistani commercial banks and at the embassy.

Committees to study suggestions on education

KUWAIT's Education Ministry will set up three working committees to study the recommendations of the second educational conference held last month, the Undersecretary, Abdul Rahman Al Khudari, said yesterday.

He said each committee would have five members and would prepare reports and specifications for carrying out the recommendations of the conference.

The launch of Apple computers at the Kuwait Regency Palace Hotel



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● The second ideal governorate working team held a function under the auspices of Ahmad Governor, Sheikh Ali Sabah Al Salim in honour of participants in the governorate week at Hubara Club. The head of the team, Jassem Al Shatti, made a speech in which he praised institutions and companies for their contributions. At the end of the function Sheikh Ali distributed certificates of appreciation. Picture shows Sheikh Ali presenting a certificate.

Education Ministry officials hail firm stand over hijacking

A NUMBER of senior officials at Kuwait's Education Ministry have hailed the firm stand of the government over the hijacked KAC airliner.

They rejected the blackmail practised by the hijackers and the killing of innocent passengers.

Undersecretary Abdul Rahman Al Khudari said a group that did not abide by any value or honour had succeeded in hijacking the plane. These pirates began bargaining with the country's freedom and independence by threatening the hostages and killing two citizens in cold blood.

He said Kuwait will be stronger and firmer in its stand which did not retreat or respond to their demands.

The assistant undersecretary for planning and development affairs, Rashed Al Hamad, said that the hijacking captured the attention of Kuwaitis from the first day. The Kuwaiti stand was clear to the hijackers. He believed the hijacking could not have been

planned by a group of people, but by a bigger side which wants to see this country disunited and people killing each other.

He hoped the Algerian officials would put an end to this tragedy. Kuwait's stand was firm and strong because it was aware of the aims of these pirates, he said.

Denounced

The assistant undersecretary for private education, Dr Yacoub Al Sharah, said the hijacking was a painful one that was rejected and condemned by all people living here, even though they were of different nationalities. The hijackers belong to a group that does not know God or humanity.

He said the world condemned the piracy from religious and humanitarian points of view. The hostages were

facing death and were being threatened by a group which wanted to achieve its goals by all means. But Kuwait was being

firmer and more decisive in its stands against blackmailing, he said.

Meanwhile, the piracy was denounced by Kuwait University's Council at a meeting yesterday presided over by the Education Minister Anwar Al Nouri.

After the meeting, Dr Rasha Al Sabah said that the council had denounced the piracy of the KAC jet plane. They said that the behaviour of the hijackers was against all international conventions and prohibited by all religions. She said the council supported the government's stand that refused to succumb to blackmail.

During the meeting the council agreed to set up a press and media department to be affiliated to the arts faculty, to establish a centre for the development of higher education at the university and to evaluate the performance of assistant rectors.

The council agreed to promote some university officials.

Bahrain calls for practical measures to combat terrorism

MANAMA, April 17. (Kuna): Bahraini Premier, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa yesterday denounced his country's condemnation of the hijack of the Kuwaiti airliner and reiterated support to Kuwait's rejection of the hijackers' demands.

The hijacked plane does not concern Kuwait only, but also all Gulf Cooperation Countries based on their full solidarity with Kuwait, Sheikh Khalifa added.

During the Bahraini cabinet session yesterday, Sheikh Khalifa urged the international community to take practical measures to combat terrorism.

Sheikh Khalifa expressed hope of an early end to this crisis and the release of all passengers on board.

Blackmail

Kuwaiti embassy in Paris, France, received in recent days several cables, messages and telephone calls from French authorities and international official bodies expressing support to Kuwait in the ordeal of the hijacked Kuwaiti plane, which is still grounded at Houari Boumediene Airport, Algeria.

They praised the Kuwaiti Amir's government and people's stance of not yielding to blackmail. They also praised the Kuwaiti people's unity before terrorism.

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in to hijacking and appealed to the international community to be steadfast in their dealing with such human tragedy and expressed the hope that the crisis ends with no further casualties.

In a statement, the council said "it goes without saying that such act is against morals and the principles of Islam and defies all international laws and principles."

Such act was perpetrated by a group of terrorists that are far from the spirit of Islam and Arabism, since their bloody practices against the hostages bespeak of their satanic nature, the statement said.

Moreover, such act came at a time when the courageous Palestinian people have been putting on a struggle that had no comparison in the past against the Zionist occupation, it further said, adding this proves that their plans have connections with the Zionists since it serves to distract world attention away from Israeli practices against the Palestinian people.

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Kuwait, Moscow sign co-op protocol

A COOPERATION protocol has been signed by the cooperative society unions of Kuwait and the Soviet Union.

It was signed on behalf of Kuwait by the chairman of the Union of Cooperative Societies, Ali Abu Hadid, and for the Soviet Union by the deputy chairman of the Soviet Cooperative Union who is currently visiting Kuwait.

The ceremony was held at the Abdullah Al Salem cooperative society and attended by the secretary-general of the Kuwaiti Union, Nizar Al Radaan, council member Ahmed Tabatabaei and a number of Soviet officials.

After signing, the Soviet official praised the hospitality shown to him and the cooperation between Kuwait and the Soviet Union.

The council affirmed its full support to the current Palestinian uprising and said that the struggle of Palestinian people to restore their legitimate rights and to establish their independent state under the leadership of the PLO would be reinforced by the Palestinian people.

After signing, the Soviet official informed Kuna that the project will take 42 months to be completed.

Plan to remove scrapyards

SOURCES have said that Kuwait Municipality and the Finance Ministry's Department of Government Property and Service are conducting a study to determine the best way to remove scrapyards throughout the country.

Sources said the purpose of the study was to possibly organise scrap collection by a few Kuwaitis and that those who received land designated for scrapyards would be responsible for their management. Those who wish to have such a business would be required to apply for approval to appropriate authorities. Government or private sector employees may not apply.

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DAMASCUS, April 18. (Reuter): The Arab world, which now imports around \$30 billion worth of food a year, must learn to feed itself.

That was the message from 400 members of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, meeting in Damascus for their 30th conference.

It also called on governments to set up a strategic food reserve on which any Arab country could draw and to protect and strengthen agriculture.

"Studies have shown that our food imports now stand at \$30 billion and this could reach 200 billion in the next few years," one official of the 21-nation federation said.

A federation founder-member, Badr Al Dean Al Shalash, told Reuters that exporting nations might use food as a

political weapon if Arabs continued to eat more than they produced.

Shalash said the conference urged a series of joint projects to meet the basic food needs of Arab countries.

Shalash, president of the Syrian Union of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, said the Arab world should have a joint strategy to beat obstacles to greater production.

Common market
He said the Arabs now imported a large slice of world food exports — 33 per cent of wheat and cereals, 32 per cent of poultry, 78 per cent of sheep and goat meat and 18 per cent of milk.

He said studies presented to the conference stressed the need to achieve food security and showed this was possible.

"First we have to achieve economic integration and then

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EVENTS

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Bulgarian Art Show

An exhibition of contemporary applied arts in Bulgaria is being held at the Dahiya Abdullah Al Salem Gallery, near Fatima Mosque. Open daily, except Friday, from 8 am to 12 noon and 7 to 10 pm, until April 21.

Ghadir Gallery

Sudanese artist Hasan Hakem is showing his drawings at the gallery in Salhiya Complex. It is open daily from 10 am to 2 pm and 8 pm to midnight, until April 21.

Sultan Gallery

The Islamic Heritage of Spain is open daily from 10 am to 1 pm and 7 to 10 pm at the Sultan Gallery, Thunayan Al Ghaniyah Bldg., Al Soor St.

Tareq Rajab Museum

Ramadan timings are 9-12 noon and 7-10.30 pm.

SOCIAL

Kuwait Natural History Group

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 7.30 at the Gulf English School, Salwa. A talk on Colour Printing For Beginners will be given by T.K. Behram. For details call Eric Shaw 3718417.

Kumustahan

The next Filipino get-together (Kumustahan) will be held from 6 to 9 pm on April 29 at the Church Hall. All Filipinos are welcome. Snacks will be served.

Mar Party

The Bangladesh Association will hold an Iftar Party on April 21 at the Bangladesh Embassy premises. All Bangladeshis are invited.

Kuwait Cultural Centre

The Centre will hold two courses: a management of personal investment, four weeks and computer classes, 20 hours. For details phone 5624364.

KLT

St. Georges Day informal, on April 21 at 8 pm. For members and guests, Tel: 3985964 or 3982739.

Alumni get-together

The T.K.M. College of Engineering will hold a get-together on April 21 at the SAS Hotel. Those who have not registered please contact 2402945; 4336416 after 7 pm.

YMCA Holiday Special

The Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) will hold the Holiday Special on May 17, Messiah Beach Hotel. Highlights are music by Top Ranks with special competitions such as Made for Each Other Contest, Funky King and Queen. For reservations contact Lancy — 4814914, 9 am to 4 pm, 3981790; 3929518, 5 to 8 pm.

Solar Energy

A lecture-cum-discussion on solar energy application will be given by Dr. R.K. Suri and Gopal P. Rameshwar at the IAC hall, Funaites, on April 21, 7.30 pm. For entry passes contact IAC Manager, Mohan, 6 to 9 pm.

SPORTS

Kuwait Nomads

Rugby Club

This week's match is on Tuesday. Kick off: 7.30 pm. Contact Jon Evans for delivery of club shirts, as ordered. Tel: 5339867. Club AGM on Tuesday, May 10, at Gazelle Club, 7.30 pm.

Palarong Pilipino

There will be a meeting of all tennis participants in the Filipino Mini-Olympics at 6 pm on April 28 at Mabuhay Restaurant. All Filipinos are invited. For details contact Bong Malencio — 4877793.

Goan Cup Tournament

The Young Goans Association, Kuwait, will hold a seven-a-side football tournament on the first day of Eid Al Fitri at the Al Soor Grounds. The draw will be held on the same day at 7.30 am. Tournament commences at 7.45 am. The tournament is open to all communities, subject to approval by organisers. For details contact Tom — 2419409; Almeida 4813892 ext 232.

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Al Ahmad Coffee Shop offers special Ramadan buffets with Arabic and Continental buffets after sunset until 2 am. Sample Oriental delicacies including foul and falafel at the Ramadan Diwaniya for breakfast (iftar).

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Nadia Dabbagh



Dina Al Saleh

The never-ending story of ballet



Ania Majewska



Maha Sarraf

ing on learning their steps. One dancer out of step would be disastrous for the entire show.

and this is one thing that Mrs Hicks has never given in to.

In contrast to the vigour,

vitality and joy of Carnaval, the second ballet The Never Ending Story, is a fairy tale, described by Mrs Hicks as "a dramatic ballet." Thirty seven dancers dance to music composed by German Giorgio Moroder. It is the bittersweet tale of an empress whose dying kingdom is saved by a child. The principal dancer is Nadia Dabbagh.

"The mood varies in this ballet, alternating from sadness to happiness," said Mrs Hicks. There are fairies, witches casting spells and good fairies to help the empress. The costumes and sets evoke "illusion" "with a completely different set done in fabric."

For the first, Carnaval, the theme colours are lilac, pink, blue and silver. For the second, golds, peaches and greens have been used by costume designer Sue Forshaw. The production design has been done by Wendy Underwood and the sets were built by Rick Muckle.

Apart from Nadia and Ania, some other members of the company are Hannah Ashmore, Maha Sarraf, Jumana Abu Ghazaleh, Sandy Attia, Dina Al Saleh, Paula Shami, Marina Donague, Rawan Husseini, Lame Al Mousawi, Lame Hayet, Tanya Longva, Yasmin Katrib, Diala Alami, Olga Al Busairi and Schiraphi Yagorajah.

The show, sponsored by Abdulla Al Majeed Trading Company, runs from April 25 to 29, at the Mousetrap Theatre, Jabriya.

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TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 1.00 Holy Quran
- 1.10 Tan Tan: cartoons serial
- 1.30 Magazine D'Actualite
- 2.00 On Ramadan: religious programme
- 2.30 Historical serial
- 3.35 Dukkan al Duniya: daily serial: starring Munia Wasef, Mohd Al Ibadi, Jayana Eid
- 4.45 Daily Arabic serial
- 5.30 Hadith Deen: religious talk
- 6.30 Cartoons
- 6.45 After Iftar
- 7.00 Madinah Al Riyah: children's serial, featuring Khalid Al Obaid, Abdul Rahman Al Aqal, Jassim Nabhan, Mohammad Jaber, Ahmad Saleh, Huda Hussain
- 8.00 Noor Al Islam
- 9.00 Deirat Khair: on Ramadan
- 9.30 Ramadhan Contests
- 10.00 News in Arabic
- 11.00 Iz aj: daily serial, starring Ghaneem Al Saleh, Zainab Al Dahi, Maryam Ghadban, Dawood Hussein

- 11.45 Late Night Serial
- 12.45 Shaqqat Ustaz Alaiwah: Arabic film, starring Salah Zulfugar, Laila Taher, Mohammad Tawfiq, News Summary/ Imsak/Holy Quran/Closedown



Punkey Brewster, tonight on KTV 2.

- 11.00 Omni: The New Frontier: hosted by Peter Ustinov.
- 11.30 Twilight Zone: "Shadow Play". A killer visualizes his trial and execution.
- 12.00 Feature Film: "A Stranger Waits". Thriller.
- 1.30 News Summary/ Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

People watch more TV in Ramadan

PEOPLE spend more time watching television during Ramadan according to a survey done by an Arabic paper.

A stock-keeper at the Education Ministry, Mohammed Al Enizi, told the newspaper that he watched more television during Ramadan. He asked for more cartoons, especially before iftar (breakfast), and also more religious programmes by Mohammed Al Sharawi.

A primary school teacher, Jassem Rashed, said he liked to watch television and because of fasting during Ramadan he spent more time before the TV screen. He said he enjoyed comedies and cartoons during Ramadan.

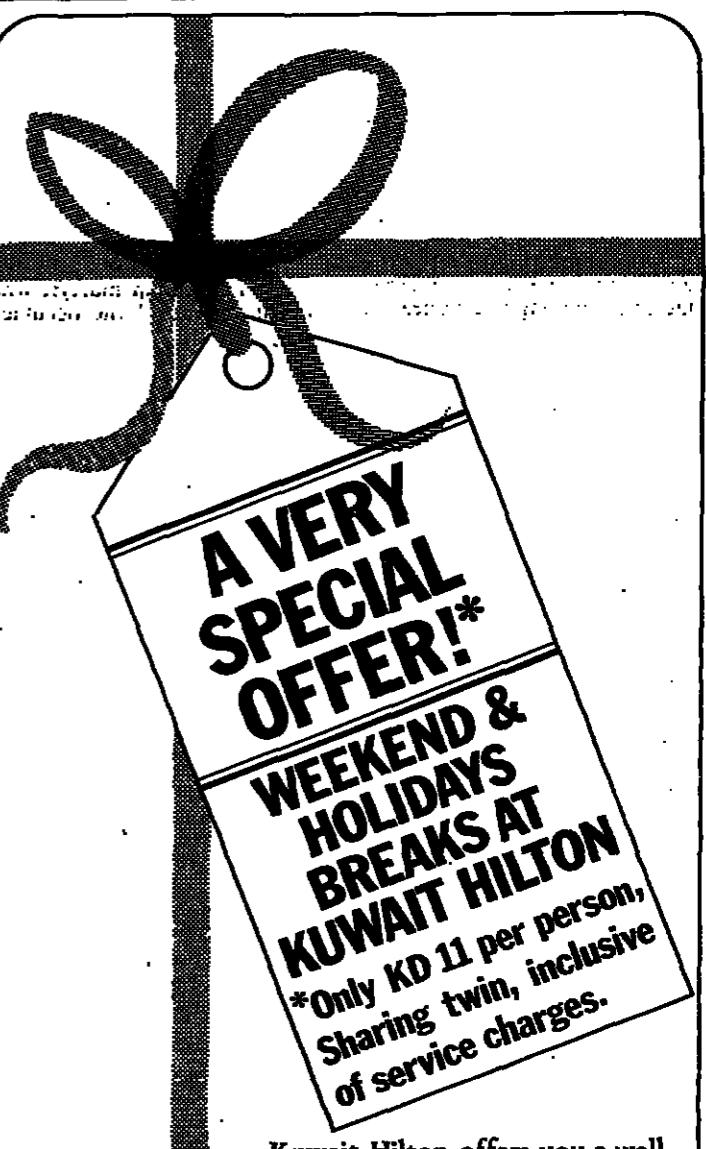
A law graduate of Kuwait University, Adnan Saleh, said

KTV 2

- 8.00 Holy Quran
- 8.10 Pole Positions: cartoons
- 8.30 Punkey Brewster: a remote control car is

CINEMA

- Al Andalus
War Time
Starring: David Blake, Debra Keith
Al Salmiya
Wise Guys
Starring: Danny de Vito
- Al Hamra
Born American
Starring: Mike Norris, Steve Durham
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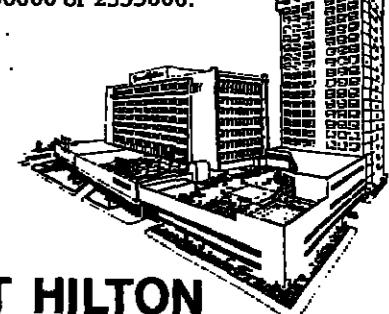
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Thought for today

HUMAN nature is not of itself vicious — Thomas Paine, English-born political philosopher-author (1737-1790)

Uprising in occupied lands

Frustrations led to rebellion

By Nicolas B. Tatro

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (AP): Palestinians say a feeling they have been neglected by the world and other Arabs, tough statements from Israel and day-by-day frustrations of occupation led to the rebellion in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The spark was a traffic accident Dec. 5 in which an Israeli Army truck killed four Arabs near the Jabaliya refugee camp in the Gaza Strip.

Tensions were such that Arabs saw it not as an accident but as revenge for the stabbing death in Gaza City two days earlier of Shlomo Sakel, an Israeli businessman.

Anger had been building among Palestinians because they felt abandoned by Arab nations and the world community. The Arab summit at Amman, Jordan, in November, and the US-Soviet summit in Washington in December, did not give priority to the Palestinian issue.

"It was clear to us that we had been put on the shelf," said Saeb Erakat, a political science professor at an Amman University in the West Bank.

"The message (of the uprising) is that we don't wish to become Israelis. We are not a mere community or a minority living in greater Israel. We are a people ... and we demand our liberty and our right to self-determination."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir rubbed salt in the wound by noting publicly that the Arab summit put the Iran-Iraq war

ahead of the Palestinian issue. He and other right-wing leaders suggested the status quo could continue indefinitely and Israel had a right to keep the lands it captured in the 1967 Middle East war.

This deepened the bitterness. Palestinian statements became extreme in rejecting negotiations for a peaceful settlement.

An example of the harder line could be found in the poetry of Mahmoud Darwish, an Arab living in Paris who had favoured Israeli-Palestinian dialogue.

Many saw his poem "Those who pass between fleeting words" as a demand for all of Israel, not just the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

About the Israelis, it says: "O those who pass between fleeting words..."

"Carry your names, and be gone, / Rid our time and hours, and be gone,"

"Steal what you will from the blueness of the sea and the sand of memory."

Sam Nusseibeh, a Palestinian intellectual who advocates a negotiated settlement, said many want all Israel included in a Palestinian state just as some Israelis want all the land for the Jewish state.

"The question is whether both sides are ready to settle for less than what they want," he said.

He said most Palestinians are ready for a two-state solution, but this feeling is "like a comet that comes close to the earth. If one wants to use it, one has to grab it while it is there."

De Mita determined to reform politics

By Terry Leonard

ROME, (AP): Ciriaco de Mita is known in Italy as an idea man, an intellectual who professes a determination as premier to steer his country's Byzantine political system closer to the style of other Western democracies.

De Mita, aides say, believes the leader of Italy's 48th postwar government has a duty "to show power can be exercised in a different way."

Some critics, however, see politics as usual in De Mita's efforts to form a government.

What is unusual is that he will remain, at least for a time, the leader of the dominant Christian Democrats. Although no other premier has held the post simultaneously in 29 years, De Mita demanded the concession from his party.

Many consider the party leadership Italy's most powerful post. De Mita argued it will give him the authority to govern effectively.

Undermined

The 60-year-old veteran of Italy's volatile politics was watching when factional fighting within the Christian Democrats undermined the government of Premier Giovanni Goria, who resigned for the third and final time March 11.

De Mita, the always well-dressed son of a tailor, was born in Nusco, a poor mountain village east of Naples. He retains strong feelings for the region.

He studied law at the Catholic University in Milan, joined the Christian Democrats in the 1950s and was first elected to parliament in 1963 at age 35. His previous government experience included posts as minister of industry, minister of foreign trade and minister to oversee development of the south. He became party leader in 1982.

Modernise

De Mita, like every other political leader in the country, has harboured an ambition to be prime minister, said Francesco D'Onofrio, a constitutional law expert advising De Mita on institutional reforms.

"The only thing is he would prefer not to head a government just for the sake of heading a government," D'Onofrio said in a recent interview. "He wants to try to inject a reforming attitude both in the party and in the government."

One goal, said D'Onofrio, is "to modernise the Italian political system, to bring it closer

By Elizabeth Pond

BONN: West Germany's opposition Social Democrats increasingly deny charges that they depart from the Western consensus or endanger Nato's defence capability.

Such charges have been levelled at them by American, British, and French officials and West German conservatives ever since they rejected deployment of new medium-range nuclear missiles on West German territory in 1983. Their vehement denials reflect the distress such charges continue to cause the Social Democratic Party (SDP).

Alfons Pawelczyk — member of the SDP's executive board and deputy head of its committee on security policy — points to what he terms a recent great political success: a consensus between the West German parties on security issues, which underpins public support for the burden of defence.

In an interview, Pawelczyk contrasted the broad agreement of the 1980s with the deep "rifts" of the '50s, when the conservatives initiated, and the Social Democrats fought, German rearmament; and with the '70s, when the Social Democrats initiated, and the conservatives fought, the Ostpolitik of detente.

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Now, he says, "We give the (Nato) alliance — and that I think is the most important contribution we have given — a fully united Federal Republic on issues of foreign and security policy.

"Before, there were rifts cutting right through the population. But the large political parties both times understood how to bring the public and the political parties themselves together on these issues," Pawelczyk says.

Policy

"Today we stand on completely solid ground. The overwhelming majority has accepted and understood the essential elements of Eastern (detente) and Western (alliance) policies as a single policy, even though we are a divided land."

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out the country's armed forces to a troop strength of 496,000.

Postwar conservative Chancellor Konrad Adenauer had only promised equipping them

with modern weapons.

Pawelczyk also cites the SDP's assistance to Turkey, when the need arose, and its initiating of Nato's "double track" decision to offer arms-control negotiations even while preparing for deployment of new Euromissiles in the mid-1980s.

W. German political parties united on security issues

out of several hundred delegates at the 1983 SDP convention to vote with Schmidt for stationing new Nato Euromissiles in West Germany.

One allied diplomat in Bonn, greeting SDP claims to consensus with some scepticism, noted, "The SDP, for obvious reasons of its own, wants having been wrong both in predictions and prescriptions. (The Social Democrats) want to bring themselves back to the mainstream without having to admit past errors."

He and a number of his colleagues say they hope the Reagan administration's success in negotiating arms control, and the SDP's desire to win middle-of-the-road voters in the next general election in 1991 will eventually enable moderates like Pawelczyk to nudge the party back to the centre. But it isn't there yet, he says.

Beyond broad agreement on

Western alliance and Eastern

detente, Pawelczyk identified the

issues to explore for measuring

consensus or controversy as

conventional restructuring of the

Army, and short-range missiles.

Allied diplomats would add to the list nuclear-free zones and the overall legitimacy of nuclear deterrence.

On structural reform of the Army, Pawelczyk contends that the centre-right government in Bonn is now doing unsystematically what the SDP has long been urging the defence minister to plan for. That is, letting total troop strength drop, turning numerous brigades into cadre units, and depending on rapid mobilisation of reserves.

Troop

Yet West Germany's allies — who got so disturbed when the SDP in 1983 called for such adjustments to future manpower levels — take no offence when the West German conservatives go in the same direction, he reasons.

In regard to short-range missiles (not included in last year's Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty that eliminates the 5,000-to-1,000 and 1,000-to-500-kilometre-range missiles), the SDP flatly rejects modernisation and wants to get rid of them, according to recent

comments in parliament by SDP Chairman Hans-Jochen Vogel.

The Bonn government says it opposes modernisation now, but could approve it once Nato has worked out a "comprehensive concept" of post-INF arms and arms control that might include the possibility of negotiating those weapons away.

On nuclear-free zones, the SDP has made a joint proposal with the East German Socialist Unity (Communist) Party that a 150-kilometre nuclear-free corridor be established along the East-West dividing line. This, argues Pawelczyk, would do away with the danger that a conventional war might escalate to use of nuclear weapons so quickly that it would become nuclear war without a deliberate decision ever having been made to do so.

On the overall legitimacy of nuclear weapons, the Bonn government (reluctantly) and Nato (emphatically) maintain that nuclear deterrence, or prevention of war, is what has kept the peace in Europe for more than four decades. The SDP contends (along with President Reagan, Pawelczyk points out) that its "moral aim" is eventually to eliminate nuclear weapons in agreement with the East.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.



By Eric Bourne

Hungarians rush for new passports

Party monopoly over all aspects of its citizens' lives is increasingly being challenged.

Similar pressures for reform — from outside and from within the parties themselves — are visible throughout the East bloc.

The passport offices were bowled over by what followed. Applicants formed lines at 5:30 am. In one Budapest district alone, there were 800 requests daily; in two weeks countrywide, there were 70,000. Officials pledged nonetheless to process all applications within 30 days.

It didn't mean Hungarians were voting with their feet against the regime. For them, emigration is not the issue as it is in East Germany, where requests to abolish it. It is a rarity among Western democracies, with open voting used only on votes of confidence.

There, since the year began, the authorities have blown hot and cold, letting some people go and barring others in sheer alarm at the possible dimensions of emigration to West Germany.

Willy-nilly, however, this question of the powers and nature of the party of the future is pushing itself to the forefront regardless of official latitude or toughness. Today, acute economic problems cry out for the sort of political reform that is becoming the prime issue everywhere under communism.

The common, central issue is the "leading role" of the party.

For those waiting in lines outside passport offices, this recognition of passports by "right" means, above all, an important political step forward in a country where the old Communist

reformers in Eastern Europe to diminish their authority in favour of meaningful, institutionalised concessions to political pluralism.

In Poland, Deputy Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski — a preeminent "liberal" champion prior to martial law — says the party stands for democratisation, but that does not mean its "right" to govern is up for grabs.

Existing coalition parties in Parliament should have a bigger role, he says, but only through more open consultation. There is no place for "opposition" as such to party policy.

In a February interview with Italy's communist paper *L'Unità*, Lech Walesa committed himself to "peaceful, evolutionary" struggle for reform. The government, he said: "is going in the right direction." He had not previously said anything quite like that. But the authorities have yet to test him at his word, even though for some time Rakowski and others have hinted at readiness to talk with the independent trade union.

Right

Official pragmatism lends more substance to the scene in Hungary. Nowhere in the East bloc is the party's role questioned more actively, as almost ironically — the "right to travel" controversy illustrates.

The right was "decreed" by the presidential council. Many people said it should have come through Parliament. It won't, one is assured, happen that way again. Constitutional changes are foreseen that are intended to prevent the non-elected council from usurping government and parliamentary prerogative.

A future party leader is not likely to have the kind of authority Hungarian leader Janos Kadar wielded for 30 years. "He will not have the power to act as a king," says an informed official.

"And names, and who succeeds, are not so important any more. What matters are the trends behind them."

Orthodox communist ideologues still reject pluralism as a threat to the party. But, by and large, the Hungarian party — like Gorbachev — is beginning to admit it can no longer expect to retain a monopoly in public affairs.

But where Hungary, or the Soviet Union, might go from there is an open question for the future. Communist parties everywhere are not yet ready to abandon the Marxist mystique of the "leading role."

In addition to the boom, Cairo has to cope with about half a million rural residents a year flocking into the city to seek their fortune.

Most have no cash and

nowhere to live so they just settle down at the side of the road in exactly the areas where the government is trying to establish satellite towns in a bid to beat the housing shortage.

However, while the new flats have running water and electricity the tin-hut dwellers have to make do with water delivered by tanker trucks.

According to the opposition, about 75 percent of the country's homes are built without planning permission. At the same time, many of the planned buildings put up by speculators stand empty.

Waiting

Milad Hanna, professor of architecture at Cairo's Ain Shams University, estimates that in 90,000 cases around the country officials have simply granted permission for people to live on sites in shacks, tents and old graves rather than in proper homes.

Cairo city authorities declare 4,000 properties a year unfit for habitation. These are often a century old and on the point of collapse.

The continual increase in the water table in the area around Cairo also leaves its mark on property in the city. The damming of the Nile at Aswan and Cairo's overburdened sewage system allows salt to erode foundations while underground water movements displace walls.

Anyone forced to leave his home ends up on a long waiting list for one of the flats being built in the new suburbs of Nasser City, Al-Sakaam or Helwan.

In 1976 it was announced that 3.6 million homes would be built here by the year 2000 but it is impossible to tell when supply will catch up with demand.

Some of those moved out of unfit homes must stay with relatives for a while," said city architect Mohammad Ghiech.

Many of the families ordered to leave their tumbledown homes merely acknowledge the receipt of the notice to quit, but decide to stay on.

The 50-square-metre flats in the suburbs are subsidised and the rent is only seven Egyptian pounds (just over \$3), yet it is still cheaper for many to remain in their own crumbling four-walls or more into a haphazardly erected tent or wooden shack.

Eight families in the Schubra suburb spent four years living in a collection of five tents despite help offered from officials. Nadia Taher of the American University here claimed in a study.

President Hosni Mubarak recently offered an "enigmatic solution" to the housing problem, saying there were two ways to alleviate the shortage. "One is based on new solutions and the other on old wisdom," said the head of state. He did not elaborate.

Frustrations growing for Britain's king-in-waiting

By Arthur Herman

LONDON, (UPI): Prince Charles' recent escape from an avalanche highlighted the strains felt by a sensitive young man searching for a useful role until the day he becomes king.

Some observers say the prince — worth a fortune estimated \$600 million — is facing growing frustrations that might overwhelm him.

Charles' wife Diana and sister-in-law Fergie, the Duchess of York, appear to relish the splashy side of royal life — rubbing shoulders with rock stars and movie idols and making trips to exotic places around the world.

But the lean, 39-year-old Prince of Wales has rejected a life of simply cutting ribbons and of enjoying himself until the day his mother, Queen Elizabeth II dies or otherwise gives up the throne.

"What gives life some sort of edge for him is doing the dangerous things," Penny Junor, author of a biography of the prince, said after Charles' March 10 skiing accident. "It's the only edge for him since he knows he'll always have financial security and a roof over his head."

Besides skiing on difficult unmarked "off-piste" slopes, the heir to the throne enjoys other risky sports — polo and hunting.

But Charles, a keen student of architecture and urban planning, also has taken a lead in seeking to help residents of Britain's decaying inner cities. As the head of charitable trusts, in one year he made over 100 visits to inner city areas.

"I am driven by the feeling I have had for a long time by travelling around this country and using my eyes that I mind about the conditions in which people live," the prince said after visiting what he called "squalid" housing in Glasgow.

"I have often thought I wish I could do something about it. Slowly but surely I have been trying to find small ways in

Prince Charles approaches 40 this year. But his problem is not that time is running too fast, but that he is running out of ways to kill it till he ascends the throne. Britain's royal watchers seem to be sympathising with his feelings that being a man of action and father of two is simply not enough.

which I hope I can make a contribution."

The wavy-haired prince may be searching for many years. Queen Elizabeth is healthy at 61, her mother is still going strong at 87 and Buckingham Palace rejects any talk of abdication.

But just as some Britons now

say Charles should give up skiing because of his responsibilities, so others seek to thwart his activism on the politically sensitive question of inner cities.

"I think the role of the monarchy has to change," said Teresa Gorman, a member of parliament from the ruling Conservative party.

"The attitude of going out and expressing horror at the poor is in a way old-fashioned."

Peregrine Worsthorne, editor of the Sunday Telegraph, said the prince is out of step with the new mood in Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Britain, which holds that people should be more individualistic and less dependent on state support.

Thatcher has begun her own inner city revival programme and her aides rule out any government role for the prince in that effort.

Harold Brooks-Baker of Burke's Peacock says Charles is overly sensitive, and it shows when people criticise his efforts.

"Clearly it would be much easier to lead a quiet life," Charles told an interviewer. "If people would rather I did nothing about it, I will go off somewhere else."

That kind of attitude is triggering alarm.

One editor who lunched with the prince said Charles defended his right to an active role with such "frightening intensity" it appeared "he's going to either have a public function or have a breakdown," according to the New York Times.

"I just hope he doesn't despair and give up — not like his great uncle King Edward VIII who abdicated, but give up in his spirit," Junor said. And Daily Express columnist Ashley Walton said there are fears the prince "will become even more introspective."

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Moreover, Charles is upset by the way the media often trivialise what he says or cover the royal family like a soap opera.

When he spoke on the environment, coverage centred on his banning Diana from using aerosol hair spray in order to protect the ozone layer.

The prince admits to being eccentric and the nation's biggest-selling newspaper refers to him as the royal "loon."

"He is emerging as a rather sad, lonely, misunderstood figure whose considerable capacity is undermined by a lack of self-assurance," Walton said.

Misconception

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The Prince and Princess of Wales. Although talk of a rift between the two has died down, it is obvious that the two have little in common.

shaven-headed mystics who retreat every now and then to the Hebrides (islands) or the Kalahari (desert) to examine their navels and commune with the natives," he said.

Officially, the press office at Buckingham Palace refuses to comment on whether pressures might deflect the prince from his goals. But a palace source said, "There will always be criticism of his actions. I don't think there will be a defection."

Yet the skiing accident that took the life of one of Charles' best friends has not helped the prince's morale.

Charles and three friends plus two local guides ignored avalanche warnings around the posh Swiss resort of Klosters and, skiing "off-piste," were hit by a massive slide on snow and ice. Charles and others were able to ski clear but Maj. Hugh Lindsay was killed and Patti Palmer-Tomkinson suffered fractured legs.

Another royal biographer, Anthony Holden, said the prince will probably blame himself for the accident.

"I believe it will haunt him for some time," he said.

Holden believes that while Charles is not a natural athlete, he has always felt driven to prove himself both physically and otherwise.

"This Prince of Wales desperately wants to be respected for himself and his

achievements, rather than merely the genetic accident which made him who he is," he said.

In his activist role, Charles has attacked modern architects and city planners. Referring to Hitler's World War II force, he said in one speech "you have to give this much to the Luftwaffe. When it knocked down our buildings, it didn't replace them with anything more offensive than rubble. We did that."

During the 1960s and '70s, the prince said, planners, architects and developers destroyed the London skyline and "desecrated" the dome of St. Paul's cathedral by building drab office blocks around it.

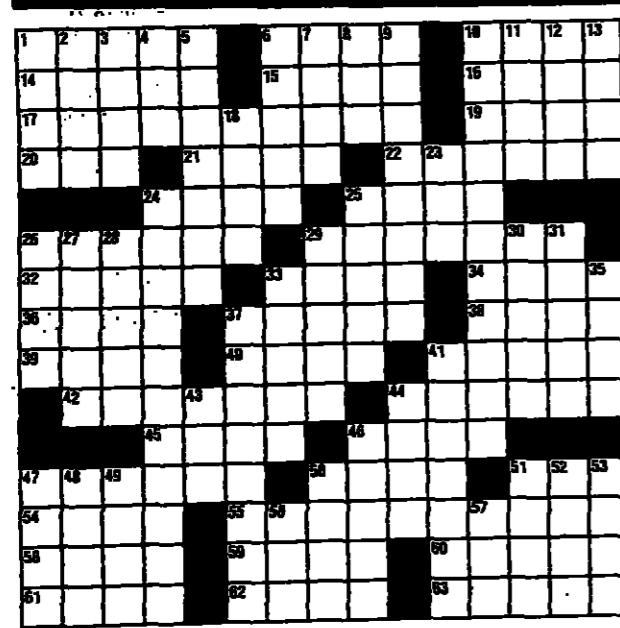
"Not only did they wreck the London skyline in general," he said. "They also did their best to lose the great dome in a jostling scrum of office buildings so mediocre that the only way you ever remember them is by the frustration they induce — like a basketball team standing shoulder to shoulder between you and the Mona Lisa."

The Mail on Sunday published a poll showing the British public back Charles' determination to speak out.

Asked if he should say more

"I think he is a remarkable man and will make a considerable king," she said. "I just hope that he won't despair."

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



GOBEN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOBEN AND OMAR SHARIF

NO WAY OUT

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH

♦ J 8 5
♥ A 2
♦ K Q 5 3
♦ K 10 6 4

WEST

♦ 6 4 3
♥ Q 8 6 5
♦ 10 8 4 2
♦ A J

EAST

♦ Void
♥ K J 10 7 4
♦ J 9
♦ Q 9 8 7 5 3

SOUTH

♦ A K Q 10 9 7 2
♥ 9 3
♦ A 7 6
♦ 2

The bidding:

North East South West

1 ♦ 1 ♦ 1 ♠ 2 ♦
2 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass
6 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Five of ♠

Sometimes it seems that there is no earthly way for declarer to bring home his contract. On those occasions it does no harm to run a long suit — there is no telling what pressure that could exert on the defenders.

Note South's simple one spade bid after the overcall. It was forcing, and South felt that he would learn more about North's hand, and the subsequent bidding would be easier, if he did not jump. When North raised voluntarily, South decided he wanted to be in slam if North controlled the enemy suit. His bid over game asked about that,

and North cue-bid the ace of hearts in response. South was satisfied with a small slam.

After West led a low heart, prospects were grim. The opening heart lead set up a trick in that suit, and the defenders still held the ace of clubs. A 3-3 diamond split seemed to offer the only hope, but that was distinctly against the odds. Declarer decided to postpone any decision as long as possible, so he won the ace of hearts and proceeded to reel off his trumps, bringing about this position:

♦ —
♥ —
♦ K Q 5 3
♦ K 10

When declarer led his last trump, West was caught in an unusual "squeeze without the count." While he did not have to give up any card in a key suit, he could not afford to part with anything other than a heart — his only safe exit. Reading the position perfectly, declarer discarded a diamond from dummy and then led a club. West was forced to win the ace and return a diamond, and declarer took the last four tricks with three diamonds and the king of clubs.

THE WIZARD OF ID

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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will feel a little more sure of yourself than of late. Others are more inclined to agree with you. You should not try to leave a problem you will have to face up to sooner or later. Be more approachable.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Today you must do all you can to keep calm even if provoked. Do not try to fly in the face of fortune. Do all you can to maintain your health. Be generous.



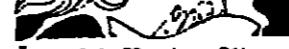
Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will have a little more faith in yourself. Make sure you do not go to bed too late. Try to exercise just a little more self-control. Be more reflective.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Make sure you do not allow a debt to get worse. The Moon's influence will help you to see things more clearly. Try to avoid allowing your efforts to be dispersed. Be more reflective.



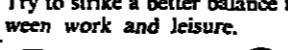
Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You will be able to draw the right conclusion. However you must also avoid putting two and two together to make five. You should make sure you do not delay something that is really urgent. Be more tolerant.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You will be able to find the right balance between work and leisure. You should make sure you do not allow your emotions to get the upper hand.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You should give others a little more latitude. Do not jump to conclusions and do not act on impulse. You should look elsewhere than you are for the solution to a particular problem. Be tactful.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

If you are nervous you are liable to undo all the good work you have done recently. You will be able to make a few changes for the better. You will have to be a little more patient. Be cordial.

Dear Junior Readers,

Most of you know how important it is to cooperate with your classmates when you are playing team sports. It is through working together that your team wins the game.

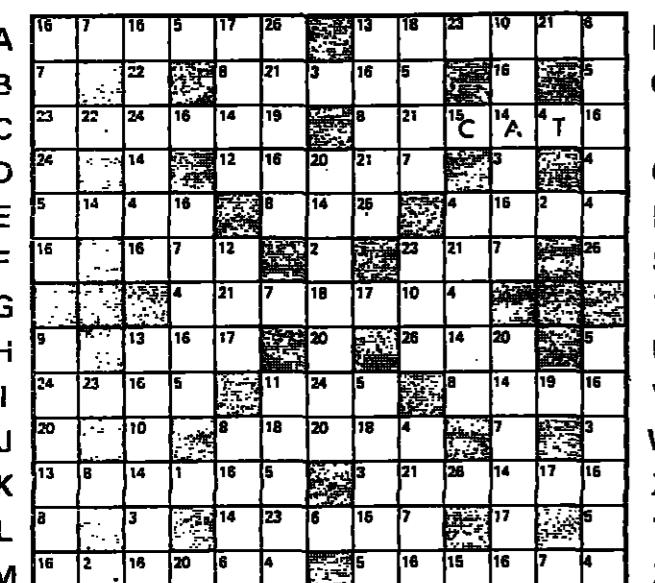
Cooperation involves listening to what others say and not always insisting on having your own way.

If you cooperate with your classmates off the field you will find that you are also a 'winner'.

Aunt Barbara

Cross reference

The object is to discover which letter of the alphabet each number in the diagram represents. Repeat the starter letters wherever their respective numbers occur; this should give you enough clues to start guessing at likely words.



REFERENCE GRID

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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

THE big hand of the clock is at 12. The little hand is at 7. It is seven o'clock. It is bedtime for Frances.

Mother said, "It is time for bed."

Father said, "It is time for bed."

Frances said, "I want a glass of milk."

"All right," said Father.

"All right," said Mother. "You may have a glass of milk."

Frances drank the milk.

"Carry me to my room, Father," said Frances.

"All right," said Father.

"Piggyback," said Frances.

So Father carried her piggyback to her room. Father kissed Frances good night. Mother kissed Frances good night.

Frances said, "May I sleep with my teddy bear?" Father gave her the teddy bear. Frances said, "May I sleep with my doll, too?"

Mother gave her the doll.

"Good night," said Father.

"Good night," said Mother.

"Did you kiss me?" said Frances.

"Yes," said Mother.

"Yes," said Father.

"Kiss me again," said Frances.

Father kissed her again. Mother kissed her again. They closed the door.

"May I have my door open?" said Frances.

Father opened the door.

"Good night," said Mother.

"Good night," said Father.

"Good night," said Frances. Frances could

Bedtime for Frances

not sleep. She closed her eyes, but she still could not sleep. So she began to sing a little song about the alphabet. She made it up as she went along: "A is for apple pie, B is for bear, C is for crocodile, combing his hair. D is for dumplings...." Frances kept singing through E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, and R, and she had no trouble until she got near the end of the alphabet.

"S is for sailboat, T is for tiger, U is for underwear, down in the drier...."

Frances stopped because "drier" did not sound like "tiger." She started to think about tigers. She thought about big tigers and little tigers, baby tigers and mother and father tigers, sister tigers and brother tigers, aunt tigers and uncle tigers.

"I wonder if there are any tigers around here," she said. Frances looked around her room. She thought maybe she could see a tiger in the corner. She was not afraid, but she wanted to be sure.

So she looked again. She was sure she could see a tiger. She went to tell Mother and Father.

"There is a tiger in my room," said Frances.

"Did he bite you?" said Father.

"No," said Frances.

"Did he scratch you?"

said Mother.

"No," said Frances.

Father said, "How do you know he wants to get you?"

Frances said, "Isn't that what tigers do?"

Father said, "Not always. Why don't you ask him what he wants?"

Frances went back to her room. She went right over to the giant. She said, "What do you want, but...."

Frances said, "I know, but...."

Father said, "I have not

"Then he is a friendly tiger," said Father. "He will not hurt you. Go back to sleep."

"Do I have to?" said Frances.

"Yes," said Father.

Father kissed her. Frances went back to bed, and finished her song on the way. She closed her eyes again. She still could not sleep. Frances opened her eyes and looked around.

"I do not like the way those curtains are moving," said Frances. "Maybe there is something waiting, very soft and quiet. Maybe it moves the curtains just to see if I am watching."

She went into Mother and Father's room to tell them.

Frances said, "There is something moving the curtains. May I sleep with you?" Father said, "Listen, Frances, do you want to know why the curtains are moving?"

"Why?" said Frances.

"There is the wind's job," said Father. "Every night the wind has to go around and blow all the curtains."

"How can the wind have a job?" said Frances.

"Everybody has a job," said Father. "I have to go to my office every morning at nine o'clock. That is my job. You have to go to sleep so you can be wide awake for school tomorrow. That is your job."

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Giant?"

She took a good look at him. There was no giant. It was the chair and her bathrobe. So she went to bed again. Frances was not very tired and did not close her eyes. She looked up at the ceiling. There was a crack in the ceiling, and she thought about it.

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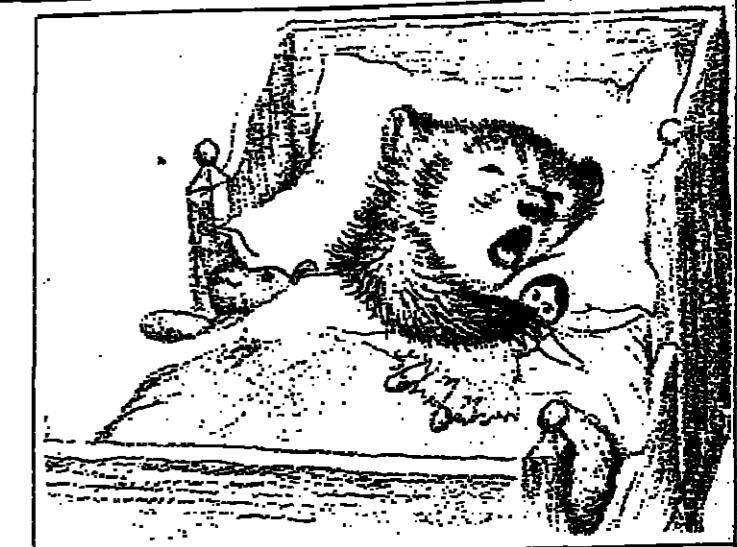
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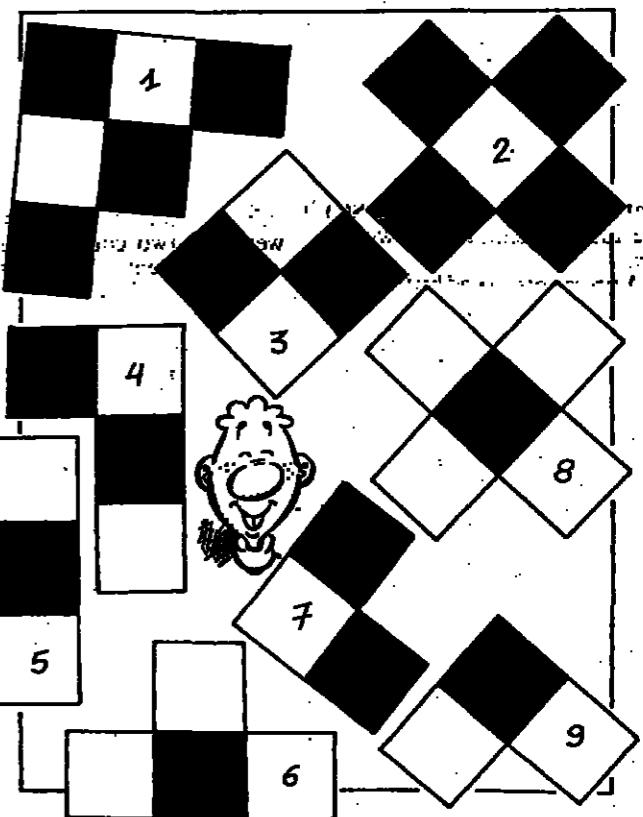
"If it is something very bad, Father will have to come and chase it away." She pulled off the covers and stood on her bed so she could look out the window. She saw a moth bumping against the window.

"Bump and thump. His wings smacked the glass. Whack and smack! Whack and smack made Frances think of a spanking. And all of a sudden she was tired.

She lay down and closed her eyes so she could think better. She thought, "There were so many giants and tigers and scary and exciting things before, that I am pretty tired now. That is just a moth, and he is only doing his job, the same as the wind. His job is bumping and thumping, and my job is to sleep." So she went to sleep, and did not get out of bed again until Mother called her for breakfast.

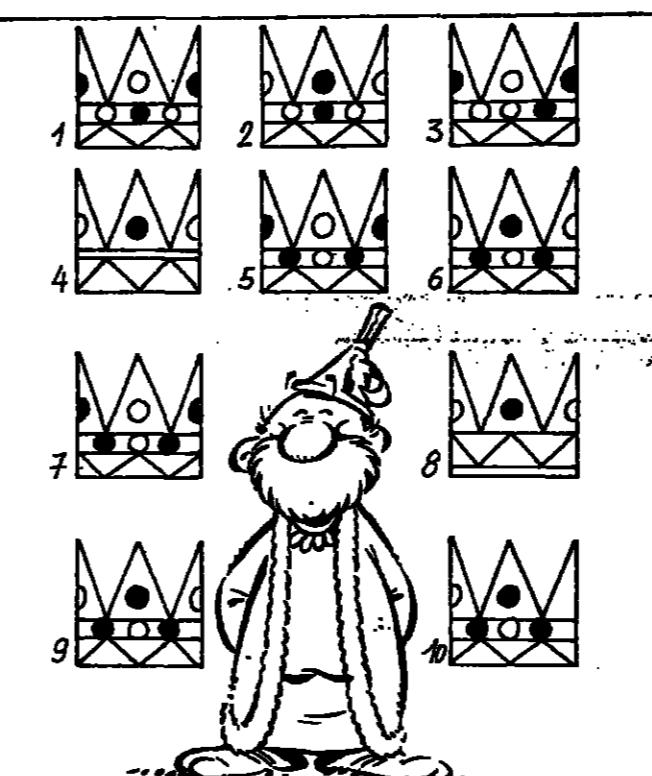
Check-mates

These nine pieces fit together to form a six-by-six checkerboard. However, either one of the two pieces has one square too many. Which two pieces are they?



Crown court

Which of these crowns are identical



Hitchy feet

Which two of the small pictures are exact copies of parts of the large picture?



Shadow cabinet

To which of the five lettered gentlemen does the shadow belong?



Asia

Where the armies of Alexander the Great marched

Alexander III of Macedonia was a mighty soldier whose ambition was to conquer the entire world and rule it. In the summer of 327 B.C., he led his army on a campaign towards Asia, entering lands that no one had previously dared to visit. He crossed the river Indus, entering the vast territory of India.

Alexander and his soldiers conquered every army that tried to stop them. He finally reached the Thar desert, a huge, unexplored and mysterious place that lay along what is now the border between India and Pakistan. Alexander was only twenty-nine years old and he wanted to march on eastwards on his great road to conquest. But his soldiers were tired and refused to go further in the tropical rain. Alexander agreed to go back and returned to his homeland. Because of his magnificent exploits he became known as Alexander the Great.

Where the 'Roof of the World' is located

The highest mountain in the world is in the Himalayas: it is Mount Everest. For hundreds of years nobody succeeded in



BUSINESS & FINANCE

Energy expert calls for more solar use in rural areas

LAGOS, April 18. (Opecna): A professor of mechanical engineering at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, has called for a shift of emphasis towards the use of renewable resources such as solar energy in Nigeria's rural areas.

In an inaugural lecture at the university, Prof. Olusiji Mojola said that rural areas depended mainly on wood for fuel which had led to serious ecological problems of deforestation in some parts.

He pointed out that research into solar energy devices and wind machines, such as solar crop dryers, water heaters and pumps together with a variety of wind turbines producing electricity and mechanical power, had reached an advanced stage.

Some of these devices, he added, were ready for commercialisation.

Solutions

Mojola stressed that the solutions to the energy problem should not end with measures to improve the activities of the National Electric Power Authority.

"What we need is to painstakingly evolve and execute an all-embracing national energy policy which, among other things, would catalogue and integrate all our renewable and non-renewable, commercial and non-commercial energy options," he said.

The professor commented that Nigeria should limit the rate of depletion of its non-renewable energy resources while intensifying efforts to develop renewable energy resources like geothermal energy, as well as, direct and indirect solar power.

NSC deposits exempt from wealth tax

NEW DELHI, April 18: The government has clarified that deposits made under the National Saving Scheme (NSC) are totally exempt from wealth tax.

A press note issued by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) says that the deposits under the NSC contained in Clause (XXVIB) of sub-section (1) of Section 5 of the Wealth Tax Act is not subject to a limit of Rs. 5 lakhs contained in sub-section (1A) of Section 5 of that Act.

Accordingly, the last sentence of paragraph 31.1 of the Board's circular No. 495 dated September 22, 1987, may be treated as modified, says the press note.

US economic outlook shifts, higher interest rates likely

NEW YORK, April 18. (Reuter): The US economic outlook has shifted abruptly from steady growth and low inflation to a riskier prospect of strong expansion coupled with a rising cost of living, economic analysts say.

After a larger-than-expected US trade deficit for February rocked financial markets last week, the Federal Reserve Bank seemed left with little choice but to raise interest rates in a battle to cool an economy that may be overheating, they say.

The US Central Bank under the chairmanship of Alan Greenspan has already shown willingness to act quickly to reinforce its anti-inflationary policy. And, although the Fed is cautious, the huge deficit may soon force its hand.

"What we are forced with is low unemployment, high capacity utilisation and a cheap dollar, all of which means a lot of inflation in the economy," said Neal Soss, chief economist at First Boston Corp.

Havoc

The widening in the US trade deficit to \$13.83 billion in February from January's \$12.44 billion gap caused havoc in world financial markets last Thursday.

With both rising imports and exports flashing signs of an economy overheating, Wall Street's Dow Jones industrial average lost 101 points and US Treasury bond prices plunged.

The dollar came under attack, prompting an almost immediate test for leaders of the west's Group of Seven industrial nations. Just the day before, they reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining stable foreign exchange rates.

They reacted with what traders think were substantial dollar purchases on foreign exchange markets.

As if the trade figures were not enough, the markets got another jolt on the inflation front on

US crude prices could even rise above \$20 a barrel

World market expects oil output cut

LONDON, April 18. (Reuter): Moves by Opec to cooperate with other producers to prop oil prices have sent them higher without the organisation having to sacrifice any output, but the market expects a production cut when the two sides meet in April.

Joint output cuts of between 600,000 to one million barrels per day by Opec and the other sellers who have been invited to talks at its Vienna headquarters on April 26 are vital to end surpluses and stop prices falling market analysts say.

The price of British North Sea Brent crude oil, a barometer of world trends, jumped 13 percent to \$17 a barrel one week ago and the meeting was being arranged to be followed by a full Opec conference.

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cut production," said Joseph Stanislaw, managing director of Cambridge Energy Research Associates, at an oil seminar at Tokyo.

Forecast

MacLeod said key invitees Mexico and Egypt would be there and the postponement was positive as it meant serious efforts to cooperate were taking place. "Talk that Norway might attend has more than offset Colombia's refusal," he said.

Opec's Vienna headquarters had teleaxed invitations to Oman, China, Malaysia, Angola, Colombia, Egypt and Mexico.

Opec President Rilwanu Lukman of Nigeria said on April 9 after a meeting of the Opec price committee — which consists of Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Indonesia, Venezuela and Algeria — that Norway and the Soviet Union might come along.

Agreement

That price committee meeting was called after Brent prices hit a 16-month low around \$14 a barrel in mid-March.

Under an agreement signed in December, 12 of Opec's 13 members are supposed to keep their output below a ceiling of 15.06 million barrels daily to defend the \$18 price. The deal excluded Iraq which refused to sign

because it could not get quota as big as Gulf war foe Iran's.

Further output cuts have been advocated by price "hawks" such as Iran and Algeria, but such Gulf states as Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have been reluctant to drive prices too high.

The pricing committee, however, surprised the market by announcing the unprecedented meeting with the non-Opec sellers.

The seven nations invited recently met in London to discuss prices and account for 8.4 million barrels daily, four million of which is exported.

If the two sides fail to agree

MacLeod said prices would fall by about \$2 a barrel to the levels they were prior to the announcement of the non-Opec/Opec meeting.

"The expectations are now in place ... they must be met or the prices goes down," Stanislaw said.

Analysts said prices were unlikely to repeat the 1985-86 collapse when they fell from \$30 to nine when quotas were virtually ignored.

It was still unclear what form any output cuts would take. Deputy Oil Minister Kazempour Ardebbi of Iran said he wanted cuts of between five and 10 per cent.

Indonesian Oil Minister Ginting Kartasasmita said that between them, Opec and non-Opec producers could make output cuts of between 700,000 and 800,000 barrels daily. He said this could be done by getting Opec members to abide strictly by existing organisation-assigned quotas while the non-Opec sellers cut output by up to half a million barrels daily to pre-1987 levels.

Deal

"Non-Opec has the outlines for a deal but no deal has been struck yet," said Stanislaw. But he expects the non-Opec sellers to offer to cut output only by up to 300,000 barrels daily.

The minimum demand by Opec to protect prices is a statement saying nations now over-producing would go back to their quotas, taking some 300,000 barrels out of the market, Stanislaw said.

World Business Summary

Retail prices in Chinese cities soar in first quarter

BEIJING, April 18. (AP): Retail prices in China's main cities continued to soar during the first quarter of 1988, with Shanghai residents forced to pay almost twice as much for vegetables as last year. The official China Daily reported today that retail prices in 32 large and medium-sized cities were up 13.4 per cent over the same period in 1987. It said food prices were up 17.9 per cent and vegetable prices jumped by 48.7 per cent. Inflation, a result of producers failing to meet rising consumer demands, is regarded as China's biggest economic problem and a serious threat to economic reform programmes. Last year, the official inflation rate was 7.3 per cent, although double-digit inflation plagued most cities, with some food prices rising 20 and 30 per cent. The daily said food prices in Shanghai, China's largest city were up 19.1 per cent, and vegetables were 89 per cent more expensive. It said vegetable prices rose at an even faster pace in another five of the 32 cities surveyed. The cities were not named.

In Beijing, food prices were up 11.2 per cent, ranking the capital 28th among the 32 cities, while vegetables increased by 27.9 per cent, 24th highest. The daily quoted officials of the Beijing municipal government as saying vegetable supplies from nearby suburbs dropped 14.5 per cent in the first quarter because of a reduction in land under cultivation. Other goods in short supply in the capital were enamelware, matches, soap, toilet paper, colour TVs, cotton underclothes and towels, it said.

The report said vegetable supplies should pick up next month and that the number of breeding sows in the Beijing area has more than tripled to 50,000. Last December, pork rationing was imposed in Beijing and other major Chinese cities because of rising demand, fewer pigs being raised by farmers discouraged by rising feed costs and low government-set prices for pigs.

Demand for Nigerian coal to reach 5m tonnes by '92

LAGOS, April 18. (Opecna): Demand for Nigerian coal will be about five million tonnes a year by 1992, the general manager of the Nigerian Coal Corporation, F.N. Ugwu, said here at a symposium organised by the Ministry of Mines, Power and Steel. He said that of the five million tonnes, the Ajokuta steel plant would require 1.5 million tonnes and other industrial establishments 0.50 million tonnes. One million tonnes will be for export. "It is imperative that the Nigerian Coal Corporation should be revitalised for the country to meet projected requirements," he stated. According to the general manager, refurbishment and expansion programmes should be undertaken at Onyeama and Okpara underground mines in Enugu, and at Owokpwa and Okaba open cast sites in Benue state.

He said about \$32 million was required to enable the corporation to produce the anticipated coal requirements of the Ajokuta steel plant alone. Ugwu also suggested that the federal government should provide adequate fund for full-scale exploration and exploitation of other known local deposits.

He proposed that the government should "as a matter of priority" initiate a national research and development programme to effectively coordinate all coal research and development activities in the country.

Iran, Syria discuss oil ties

TEHRAN, April 18. (Opecna): Iranian Petroleum Minister Gholamreza Aghazadeh left talks here at the weekend with visiting Syrian Minister of Oil and Mineral Wealth Dr Matanayeh Habib.

The ministers discussed protocols related to Iran's oil aid to Syria including the sale of further quantities of crude. Aghazadeh, who accepted an invitation to visit Syria at a later date, told his counterpart that Iran had the potential to satisfy the needs of Syrian oil refineries. Meanwhile, at a meeting with Iranian Mines and Metals Minister Mohammad Reza Ayyatiollahi, Habib announced his government's readiness to cooperate with Iran in the field of phosphates.

The Iranian minister said his country would be willing to establish a joint phosphate fertilizer plant with Syria and exchange views on mineral exploration.

He added that Iran was in the process of setting up a gold processing plant which should be ready by the summer.



Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak (left) greets Saudi Arabian Minister of Finance and National Economy, Mohammed Abal Khail, who arrived in Cairo on Sunday on a one-day visit. (Reuter wirephoto)

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

International Bond Highlights

London—The Alliance and Leicester Building Society is issuing a 150 mln ster floating rate note due May 1995 and priced at par, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland (securities) Ltd said. (RTVY 140)

Dusseldorf—A unit of Landeskreditbank Baden-Wuerttemberg, which is wholly owned by the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg, is issuing a 300 mln mark, 10-year Eurobond with a six pct coupon priced at 100-7/8, lead manager Trinkaus und Burkhardt Kgas said. (RTVY 1356)

London—Weingarten Realty, a US real estate company, is issuing a 75 mln dir convertible eurobond due May 9, 2003 and priced at par, lead manager Salomon Brothers International said. (RTVY 0956)

London—Societe Nationale Elf Aquitaine is issuing a 50 mln Ecu Eurobond due May 26, 1993 bearing a coupon of 7-3/8 pct and priced at 101-5/8, said Deutsche Bank Capital Markets Ltd as lead manager. (RTVY 1229)

Zurich—The World Bank is issuing 75 mln Swiss francs in 4-1/8 pct, seven year bullet notes priced at 101 pct, lead manager Shearson Lehman Brothers Finance said. (RTVY 0908)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN 8-3/16 1/16	8 7/8	8 7-7/8
FFT 3.25/35	3.25/35	3.35/45
ZUR 1-7/8 2-1/8	7-9/16 11/16	7-7/8 8-1/16
BRX 4.50	6.00 1/8	6-1/16 3/16
ROM 9-7/8 10-3/8	10-1/8 10-5/8	10-3/8 10-7/8
AMS 3-15/16 4-1/16	3-15/16 4-1/16	4-0/4-1/8
TON 3.2500 3125	3.7500 8125	3.8750 9375
ECU 6.81 6.93	6.00 6.12	6.25 6.37

Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	5	5 1/2
3 months	5 1/4	5 3/4
6 months	5 7/16	6 1/16
1 year	5 1/2	6

BOMBAY

PR CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	66	65	66	NICO	477.50	475.75	465	
ACC 141	140	143	GRASH	28.50	28	28	25	95	84	83.50	
ASIA PAINT 135	128.75	131.25	GSFC	86	87	86.50	ORKAY	19	19.25	19.75	
BAJAJ AUTO 200	200	200	HIND LEVER	65	65.25	64.50	PEICO	27.50	27	27.75	
BAR. RAYON 172.50	172.50	172.50	HINDALLO	75	74	74	PFIZER	54.50	54	55.50	
BON. DYING 118.75	116	116.50	HINDCOCA	71.25	70	71.50	PRE. AUTO	24	24.50	24	
BR. BOND 84	84	85	HINDMOTOR	16	16.25	16.50	RAYMOND	43.50	42.75	43.75	
BSE INDEX 406.79	409.88	IND ORG	16	16.25	16.50	RELIANCE	81	79	80		
CENTURYSPE 787.50	780	782.50	INDRAYON	57.75	58	58.50	SIEMENS	60	59	59	
COLGATE 163	162	160	INDROL	136.25	137.50	137.50	SPIC	29.50	30.75	29.50	
DEPAKFERT 25.75	25.50	25.50	ITC	32.50	32	32	STDMILLS	195	192.50	195	
EI. HOTEL 46	45	46	JKSYNTH	47.75	46.75	47.50	TATA PUR	188.75	185	188	
ESKAFF 155	156.25	152.50	L. AND T	79.50	80.50	78	TATACHEM	61.50	61	61.50	
GAR. POLY 17.75	18.25	18	MAHINDRA	50.50	50.50	51	TELCO	466.25	460	462.50	
GE. SRIPI -	27	27	26.65	MASTERSHR	9.25	9.25	9.65	TISCO	680	676.25	671.25
			MATHER PL	75	75.75	75	VOLTAS	260	260	262.50	

FRANKFURT

DISC. FSE	LAST	PR. CLOSE
25/02 0/2	226.8	
0/2 0/2	207.0	
0/2 0/2	1352.5	1366.0
0/2 0/2	185.0	188.0
0/2 0/2	245.7	244.9
0/2 0/2	270.0	270.0
0/2 0/2	359.0	359.0
0/2 0/2	327.0	324.0
0/2 0/2	376.0	375.0
0/2 0/2	518.0	517.0
0/2 0/2	212.0	210.0
0/2 0/2	231.7	230.5
0/2 0/2	254.3	253.0
0/2 0/2	657.0	628.0
0/2 0/2	417.5	417.8
0/2 0/2	351.0	345.0
0/2 0/2	249.5	249.7
0/2 0/2	159.0	159.0
0/2 0/2	455.0	454.49
0/2 0/2	253.0	252.5
0/2 0/2	405.0	405.0
0/2 0/2	258.0	259.0
0/2 0/2	118.3	118.0
0/2 0/2	192.5	192.0
0/2 0/2	467.0	462.5
0/2 0/2	131.0	130.5
0/2 0/2	473.0	467.0
0/2 0/2	401.0	396.0
0/2 0/2	101.5	100.0
0/2 0/2	88.20	86.10
0/2 0/2	148.7	149.2
0/2 0/2	164.5	164.0
0/2 0/2	125.3	123.0
0/2 0/2	523.0	515.0
0/2 0/2	260.5	260.0
0/2 0/2	535.0	534.5
0/2 0/2	53.80	51.50
0/2 0/2	604.0	610.0
0/2 0/2	530.0	525.0
0/2 0/2	162.5	163.0
0/2 0/2	199.0	200.5
0/2 0/2	206.0	206.0
0/2 0/2	196.0	196.0
0/2 0/2	271.5	275.0
0/2 0/2	258.0	263.0
0/2 0/2	443.5	447.0
0/2 0/2	300.0	302.1
0/2 0/2	355.3	355.0
0/2 0/2	128.5	127.9
0/2 0/2	267.0	268.0
0/2 0/2	254.7	252.5
0/2 0/2	168.0	169.0
0/2 0/2	241.5	242.5

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR. CLOSE	MITSUB. CP	1290	1320
AJIMOMOTO	3380	3400	MITSUB. EL	740	769
AKAI ELEC	621	633	MITSUB. HVY	730	747
AKOI	974	970	MITSUI CO	899	910
ASHI GAS	1990	2060	MITSUKOSHI	1750	1960
ASHI OPT	683	680	MITSUMI EL	1270	1300
BANK TOKYO	1570	1580	NICHICON	1430	1420
BRIDGESTON	1400	1410	NIKON CHNT	785	780
CANON	1250	1290	NIKKO SEC	2050	2100
CASIO COMP	1260	1250	NIP ELEC	2130	2190
FERRARI	1260	1250	NIPOL	1200	1220
DAI NIP TO	1080	1050	NOHARA SEC	4260	4350
DAI NIP TO	520	520	ONBA CO	1010	996
DAICEL	865	858	OLYMPUS	1160	1150
DAIMA H	1860	1920	RENTA OCN	845	865
DAIMA SEC	2760	2780	PIONEER G3	3260	3340
DAIKIN	1400	1400	RENOWN	938	940
EISAI	2230	2230	RICOH	1290	1300
FUJITSU	1500	1520	SANKYO	2130	2240
FUJI BANK	3360	3370	SANWA ELEC	565	562
FUJI PHOTO	4060	4100	SEIYU ST	2350	2340
FUJISAMA	2180	2200	SEKISUI PB	1990	2030
FUJITIA CP	755	754	SHARP	1060	1070
HITACHI	1410	1440	SHISEIDO	1950	1960
HONDA MOT	1750	1790	SONY	5400	5540
ISETAN	1600	1630	SUNTOMO	1150	1140
ITO YOKADO	4660	4610	TAISEI	975	980
JAP. SYN. RU	1000	985	TAISHO MRN	1170	1180
JAPAN AIR	14600	14800	TAKEDA CH	3030	3090
JAPAN MET	527				

Business emigration to Australia

Banker unveils new regulations

By Keith Wells

AT an exclusive press conference yesterday, David Johns of National Australia Bank told the Arab Times about the new regulations for people wishing to emigrate to Australia under the Business Migration Plan.

The Australian Government has recently placed greater emphasis on this form of emigration and is in the process of appointing private companies as accredited agents who will be able to handle applications directly. As the largest bank in Australia, the National Australia Bank will be appointed as an accredited agent in a few weeks time.

Johns is the Business Migration Manager of the National Australia Bank and he explained the scheme to the Arab Times. From the Australian government's point of view, the idea is to attract successful business people.

and entrepreneurs to settle permanently and contribute their expertise and capital to the country's benefit.

Any business that will create jobs, introduce new or improved technology, stimulate exports or replace current imports, will be considered for the scheme.

Applicants must show that they have a minimum investment of 500,000 Australian dollars, equivalent to about US\$350,000, not including settlement costs, such as buying a house and so on.

Requirements

Applicants should also be able to show that they have a successful business background, the skills and capital necessary to succeed as well as the intention to settle permanently in Australia.

Of course, applicants must show that they genuinely intend to set up a business over there and demonstrate a realistic plan of action concerning settlement arrangements.



David Johns

If business migrants satisfy these requirements, the Business Migration Scheme can provide a quicker method of gaining entry to Australia than other methods of emigrating.

Once the businessman has been accepted under the scheme, he also gets a three-year multiple re-entry visa to enable him to go in and out of the country as often as is necessary to transfer, or establish, his business there.

After three years, provided he has spent a total period of two years actually residing in the country, then he will be offered an Australian passport. You don't even have to give up your previous passport, since Australia allows its citizens to hold dual nationality.

Stimulate

In the past two decades, Australia has become a far more multicultural society than ever before. For example, there are approximately quarter of a million Australians of Arab descent in Sydney alone.

The capital has six or seven Arabic newspapers as well as schools, restaurants and even daily radio programmes.

Currently the government is trying to attract migrants from Asia as a whole, Indians, Pakistanis, Arabs and so on, are all welcome if they can fulfil the basic requirements.

Australia makes no secret of the fact that it is hoping to attract an elite group of businessmen who will help to stimulate the Australian economy. In return, successful applicants will be able to enjoy the free and open lifestyle, a marvellous climate and commercial opportunities that simply do not exist in more rigidly traditional countries.

The cost of living is very cheap in Australia, house prices start at below 73,000 US dollars for a middle class suburban home.

If you want to know more about the scheme, David Johns will be at the Hilton until lunchtime on Wednesday. After that, you can call Mr. S. Abi Lutfallah on 2448641 for further information.

Gulf Bank weekly market review

KD rates mostly steady

Kuwaiti dinar

Based on opening middle market FX rates, the KD exchange rate was slightly easier against the US dollar ending the week at 274.83 fils compared with its week before last closing of 273.83 fils. Against the pound sterling, the KD was higher ending at 506.46 fils compared with its week before last closing of 513.09 fils. The KD was higher against the DM ending the week at 162.53 fils.

The KD ended the week slightly higher against the Sfr closing at 196.10 compared with its week before last closing at 197.81 fils. As against the Jordanian dinar, the KD was unchanged, ending the week at 799.27 fils compared with its week before last closing of 799.15 fils. The KD was mostly unchanged against the GCC marks.

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While the larger-than-expected US February trade deficit at \$13.83 billion from \$12.44 billion in January depressed the US dollar as market consensus centered on \$10.11 billion deficit thus shattering hopes of a fast adjustment in existing global external imbalances. Intervention of central banks to support the dollar halted from further decline.

Negative dollar sentiment further deepened on the release of a larger-than-expected 0.6 per cent rise in the March US producer price index after falling by 0.2 per cent in February on rises mainly in food and energy prices. US industrial production rose by 0.1 per cent in March after being unchanged in February and rising by 0.4 per cent in January with gains in business equipment and motor vehicle assemblies weakened by lower construction supplies and other consumer goods.

Japanese yen

The yen remained the main beneficiary of further dollar declines. The Japanese yen opened the week slightly easier against the US dollar at 126.35/45 but ended the week firmer at 123.90/00 yen compared to its week before last closing at 125.72/82 yen. There had been strong market speculation that the G-7 in their meeting might agree to support a 125 yen base for the dollar.

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French franc

while in February the surplus was \$5.24 billion.

The unadjusted trade surplus with the US fell in March to \$3.40 billion from \$3.79 billion a year earlier. Japan has been able to trim its trade surplus with the US since the beginning of 1988 by 9.6 per cent and 14.4 per cent in February.

Deutsche mark

The mark opened the week easier against the US dollar at 1.6825/35 and reached the lows of 1.6935/45 near the 1.70 important level but rebound to strengthen on the closing of the week at 1.6620/30 marks on the back of a declining dollar on higher-than-expected US February trade deficit, compared to its week before last closing of 1.6743/53 marks.

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Pound sterling

After weakening earlier in the week in a delayed reaction to the previous week's base lending rate cut by 1/2 per cent to 8 per cent, the pound regained its strength on the weaker dollar, which came under pressure from the unexpectedly high US February trade deficit.

The pound opened the week at \$1.8590/00 and closed higher against the dollar at \$1.8885/95, above its week before last closing of \$1.8745/55.

A string of economic indicators were released last week including the following UK producer price index which rose by 0.5 per cent in March to give a year-on-year gain of 4.1 per cent after a revised 0.4 per cent rise in February which gave a 4.0 per cent annual rate. While the retail price index rose 0.4 per cent in March to give an annual rate of increase of 3.5 per cent after a 0.4 per cent rise in February which showed annual inflation at 3.3 per cent. UK unemployment fell to 9.0 per cent in March from 9.1 per cent in February. UK industrial output was down a sharp 2.6 per cent in February after falling 0.3 per cent in January while manufacturing output fell 3.2 per cent in February after rising a revised 0.6 per cent in January.

French franc

The French franc opened the

week against the US dollar at Fr. 5.7020/50 and closed higher at Fr. 5.6380/10, above its week before last closing of Fr. 5.6790/00. French trade deficit widened to \$15.2 billion francs in February from a 600 million francs deficit in January, contradicting the trend of the last six months.

The dramatic deterioration in the trade deficit in February was partly attributed to a strong surge in industrial investments, which has sucked in imports of machinery and electronic equipment.

Swiss franc

The Swiss franc opened the week against the US dollar at Fr. 1.3935/45 and closed higher at Fr. 1.3725/35, above its week before last closing of Fr. 1.3825/43.

Oil prices

Oil prices in the world markets increased last week. Spot prices for North Sea Brent crude were between \$15.50-16.80 range compared with the \$15.35-15.65 range recorded the week before last.

This improvement in oil prices is attributed to encouraging signs that some non-Opec oil exporting countries have responded favourably to Opec's Price Monitoring Committee's call for a joint meeting to be held in Vienna at the end of next week to discuss measures aiming at stabilising oil prices.

Precious metals

Gold bullion prices opened the week at \$449/449.50 and closed higher at \$456/456.50, showing a gain of \$5.75 over the previous week's closing of \$443.75/450.75. Gold failed to make further ground on the dollar's current weakness and, while breaking resistance at \$451, operators are now looking to a breach of \$458 to bring a further

Silver

Silver generally monitored gold's fluctuations. Silver bullion prices opened the week at \$6.65/6.67 and closed higher at \$6.48/6.50, showing a slight gain of 2 cents over the previous week's closing of \$6.46/6.48.

World Stock Markets

After moving higher earlier in the week on the strengthening dollar and bond market and firm oil prices, Wall Street stock prices fell 1.2% on the stronger-than-expected gains in March retail sales, as the report revived fears of an overheating economy and on the US trade deficit which showed an increase in the US trade deficit in March, developments which caught many investors by surprise and helped cause a 10.46 point drop in stock prices on Thursday 14, before recovering later.

Sterling strengthens

Dollar mixed in nervous trading, gold rises

LONDON, April 18. (Agencies): The US dollar was mixed in early European trading today amid fears of Central Bank intervention if the American currency moves lower. Gold prices were slightly higher.

Market sentiment remains extremely bearish toward the dollar because of disappointment over the widened February trade deficit, dealers said.

Traders "are not touching the dollar, afraid that the central banks might step in," said one Rome dealer. "The dollar is only moving as a result of cross trading."

Depressed

Traders noted that banks intervened heavily in support of the US currency after the trade figures were released last week.

The dollar, earlier depressed by bad US trade figures announced last Thursday, firmed on the reports that an Iranian warship attacked an oil platform in the US operated Mubarak oilfield in the Gulf.

India world's largest supplier of precious stones

NEW DELHI, April 18. (Kuna): India has emerged the world's largest supplier of precious stones.

Till two years ago, India was handling annually 30 million carats (five grams make a carat), but last year about 48 million carats were shipped out of the country, says an association of diamond dealers.

It is expected that India will export diamonds and other precious stones worth Rs. 20,000 million during the current financial year.

The most noted buyer of Indian diamonds is Japan. The continuous appreciation of the Japanese yen is believed to have triggered demand for diamonds. Since Japan prefers large sized stones, Indian dealers and craftsmen have adapted themselves to the new demand. Japan accounted for 20 per cent of India exports.

Consistent

Japan has been consistent buyers since 1986. The United States and West Germany are other major buyers of the Indian diamonds.

There is nothing India cannot produce in diamonds, said a prominent dealer adding that some of the Non-Resident Indians businessmen have fanned out to Israel, the traditional diamond capital of the world.

The demand for large sized diamonds went down with the recession and now there is a revival. Israel is now losing ground to India.

According to Diamonds Exports Association the large quantity of diamonds are exported from Bombay. The traditional supremacy of trade in the diamonds trade has been challenged by India.

The cutting and polishing outfits in various areas of the country have been activated by the surge of international demand for diamonds. Some half a million artisans are engaged countrywide in diamond cutting and polishing business.

Concurrently with growing exports, diamond dealers are importing sophisticated machinery. Several processing units have been installed. Some of the latest based cutting machines have been imported.

It helped to cut the diamond against grains and with the grains without causing damage to the stone.

The government policy has also helped sustain diamond business.

UN calls for action on debt relief

UNITED NATIONS, April 18. (Opecna): A UN committee has called for immediate action to reduce the international debt of severely affected developing countries, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America.

Schemes

In a special statement, the Committee for Development Planning, a group of independent economic advisers to the world body, said it would not be possible for it to contemplate the prospects for sustained longer-term development in debt-distressed countries without first resolving their current debt problems.

The committee indicated that indebted developing countries faced three kinds of creditors: official ones whose claims are largely of bilateral loans

and guaranteed export credits, and international financial institutions, notably the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank and regional development banks.

The first type of debt was rescheduled in the Paris Club where payments were deferred but at unchanged interest rates, states the committee. This built up 'snowballing debts', while the capacity to service them often declined.

Private creditors had already made significant provisions against losses on their loans, the committee noted. The debts of a number of Latin American and other countries to commercial banks were already valued at deep discounts.

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Venezuelan oil minister in Muscat

MUSCAT, April 18. (Kuwait): Venezuelan Minister of Energy and Mines Arturo Hernandez Grisanti arrived here yesterday on a two-day official visit to the sultanate.

In a statement after his arrival, the Venezuelan minister said he was carrying a message to Sultan Qaboos Bin Said from the President of Venezuela.

He said his visit comes as part of a tour of a number of non-Opec countries who would take part in the forthcoming meeting of Opec member states.

Hernandez praised the sultante's stand in support of Opec efforts to stabilise oil prices.

At a news conference, however, De Clercq said the EC had taken what he called a "courageous" decision to begin a freeze on any further steps in this direction," he said.

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A pre-tender meeting shall be held on Sunday 5.15.88 at 10 a.m. in the Engineering Section Offices — Central Sahban, Stores of Local Marketing Dept. to answer the queries.

N.B. — The company representative shall not be allowed to attend the preliminary pre-tender meeting if the bidder fails to notify the KNPC with the names and designations of his nominees according to the safety and security conditions applied in the refinery at least two days before the date of the said meeting.

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Tender No. TM/2-88

Tender's internal No. 819/88

Concerned party: Kuwait National Petroleum Co.

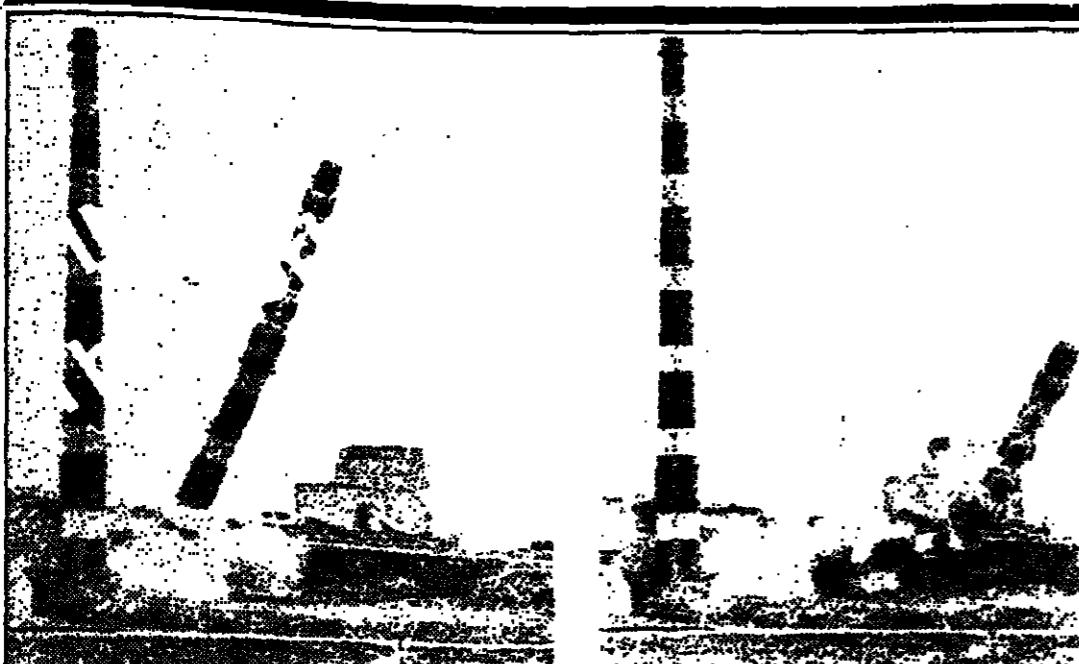
Requirements: Construction, completion & maintenance of two new fuel filling stations in Jahra

Relevant fee: KD 50/-

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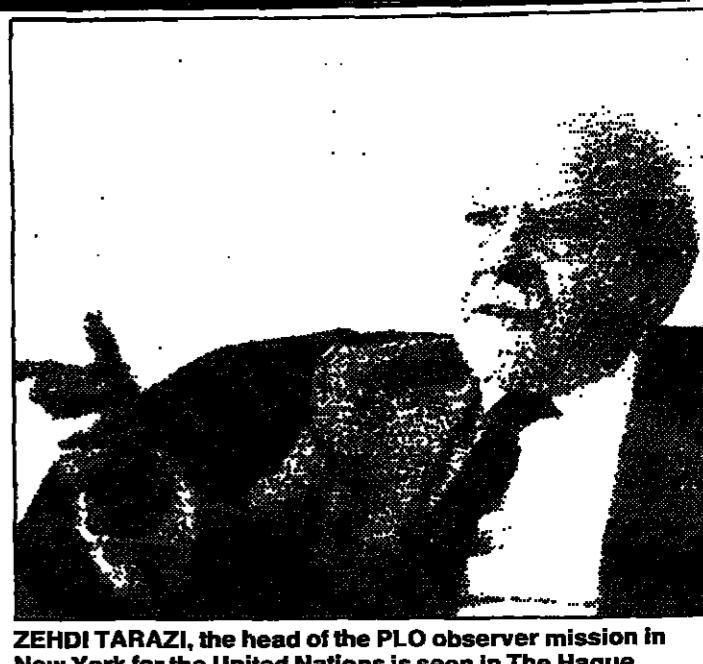
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SMOKE plumes from this 400-foot chimney as it topples over on Sunday at an unused quarry in Montreal. The companion smokestack failed to fall after it was dynamited. (Reuter wirephoto)



PHILIPPINE President Corazon Aquino and Chief of Staff Gen. Renato de Villa review the honour guard on Sunday upon her arrival at the air-force base from an official visit to China and Hong Kong. (Reuter wirephoto)



ZEHDI TARAZI, the head of the PLO observer mission in New York for the United Nations is seen in The Hague yesterday talking to a reporter. Tarazi said the PLO would not retaliate for the killing of the top PLO commander in Tunis. (Reuter wirephoto)



WEST GERMAN chef Richard Uwe displays a sugar loaf shaped like France's Eiffel Tower. The dessert took a month to complete and is the star attraction at a festival of French cuisine at a leading hotel in Kuala Lumpur. (Reuter wirephoto)



JEAN MARIE LE PEN, President of the National Front and French presidential candidate, waves to the assembled crowd at a velodrome in Marseille on Sunday during his campaign. (Reuter wirephoto)



A SANDINISTA soldier (centre) talks to a smiling Contra soldier (left) during a meeting between about 60 soldiers from the two warring sides in an isolated area of Nicaragua 85 miles north of Managua. The one-day meeting was organised by Contra and Sandinista field commanders who are observing a 60-day ceasefire while peace talks continue. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE best skateboarder in the world, Tony Hawk, of California, flies through the air 15 feet above the ground during a display of his talents in Toronto. The 19-year-old Californian makes a very good living riding his skateboard around the world. (Reuter wirephoto)



A MID-AFTERNOON bubble bath is enjoyed by youngsters in the middle of a downtown street in Madrid. Firemen contributed to give the youngsters something else to play with — anti-fire foam was sprayed for kids to wade in. The city celebrated yesterday the yearly event sponsored by local municipal authorities which attracts several hundred thousand youngsters and their families.



ZIMBABWE celebrated its eighth year of independence yesterday with President Mugabe addressing a crowd at the national sports stadium. Seen here are members of the Youth Brigade going through their paces with wooden rifles. Thousands of children took part in the display which also included helicopter and jetfighter fly pasts. (Reuter wirephoto)



French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac kisses a young boy in Saran, France, during the French presidential campaign.



A MONKEY tries to take a sip of a soft drink left over by tourists in a temple during the hottest days of the year last week. The monkeys are one of the main attractions for tourists in central Thailand. (Reuter wirephoto)

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SPORTS

Leconte takes first GP crown in 19 months

NICE, France, April 18. (Reuter): Henri Leconte captured his first Grand Prix title in 19 months when he overwhelmed unseeded fellow-Frenchman Jerome Potier 6-2 6-2 in the Nice Open final yesterday.

Third seed Leconte, returning to the Grand Prix circuit for the first time since he injured his hand at the Italian indoor tournament in Milan two months ago, was too strong for Potier in all departments.

Leconte, who had beaten top-seeded Soviet Andrei Cheshakov in the semifinals after saving a match-point in the second set, experienced no such problems against Potier, who had performed excellently to get this far from a player ranked 122nd in the world.

"I completely stifled him. He was very tense and he made mistakes," Leconte said after the clash of the two left-handers.

His victory was worth \$23,000 and restored some logical order to a tournament of upsets in which four of the top eight seeds failed to survive the first round.

Leconte's last tournament win dated back to September 1986 when he triumphed over Czechoslovak Milosav Mecir in the West German Open final in Hamburg.

He beat Potier's service twice in succession to take a 5-1 lead in the first set and hit home his advantage in the second with another break in the opening game.

Potier, who had beaten fourth-seeded American Jimmy Arias in the first round, did not have the temerity to trouble Leconte and slipped increasingly into error, losing accuracy and misfitting shots.

"It was a good match for me today; I didn't play well at the beginning of matches earlier in the tournament. It's good for me, for my confidence," Leconte said.

To the suggestion that such a one-sided win wasn't so good for the spectators, he said with a smile: "I prefer winning like that."

Leconte collected his second title of the afternoon when he partnered fellow-Frenchman Guy Forget to a 4-6 3-6 6-4 victory in the doubles final over Heinz Guenthardt of Switzerland and Diego Narvicio of

Uruguay. Leconte has enjoyed heartening form since he got over his injury, following up victory in an exhibition tournament in Houston by sharing a French Davis Cup quarter-final win over Australian before rejoining the Grand Prix circuit.

Thorpe starts title quest in fine style

SITTENDORF, Austria, April 18. (Reuter): Former champion David Thorpe of Britain started the quest to regain his 500 cc world motocross crown in dazzling style yesterday.

Thorpe, riding a Honda, was both races in the opening round of this year's championship, staged on a hillside track in the Vienna woods.

Title holder Georges Jobe of Belgium has dropped to the 125 cc category and Thorpe served early notice he is the man they all have to fear in the 500 cc category.

In the first race he beat compatriot Kurt Nicoll, runner-up to Jobe last season, with Italy's Michele Magarotto in third and another Briton, Andy Nichols, in fourth.

In the second race Thorpe beat Swede Hakan Carquist with Nicoll finishing fourth after colliding with Belgian Dirk Geukens while challenging hotly for second place.

In yesterday's tournament

Rush helps Juventus tame Napoli

ROMA, April 18. (Reuter): Welsh international Ian Rush shrugged off his indifferent form and helped Juventus top the Italian League leaders Napoli 3-1 in Turin yesterday.

Defending champions Napoli stay top but had their lead cut to two points after second-placed AC Milan gained a hard-fought 2-0 victory at Roma, to step up their title challenge.

Burst

Rush, much criticised for his poor performance in his first season at Juventus, burst into the game with a powerful close-range goal in the 68th minute that showed he had lost none of his unforgiving finishing skills.

The Welsh striker also set up his club's third goal in the 75th minute, passing to Dane Michael Laudrup, who was tripped in the area. Luigi De Agostini converted the penalty.

Juventus, once the giants of Italian soccer with 22 League titles behind them but now desperately seeking a place in

WORLD NO. 2 COLLECTS \$60,000

Navratilova routs Sabatini for title

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla., April 18. (Reuter): Second seed Martina Navratilova won her fifth straight title yesterday when she crushed third seed Gabriela Sabatini 6-0 6-2 in the final of the \$300,000 Florida Clay Court Championships.

Navratilova, ranked second in the world, has compiled a 30-1 record this year with her only loss coming at the hands of long-time rival Chris Evert in the semifinals of the Australian Open in January.

The crowd had high hopes for a dramatic final following Sabatini's brilliant come-from-behind victory over West German world number one Steffi Graf in the semifinals on Saturday. But the 17-year-old Argentine never had a chance on Sunday.

Possible

Navratilova controlled the 53-minute match by approaching the net at every possible opportunity and refused to allow Sabatini to find her rhythm from the baseline.

The 31-year-old Navratilova dropped only 11 points in the 26-minute first set.

Sabatini, ranked fifth in the world, held her serve to open the second set and reached break point on Navratilova's serve in



Navratilova races across the court to reach a volley. (Reuter wirephoto)



Sabatini returns a shot. (Reuter wirephoto)

the second game. However, Sabatini squandered the opportunity to get into the match when she sailed a backhand passing attempt long.

Navratilova then broke Sabatini in the third game for a 2-1 lead and after each held serve,

the second seed fought off three break points to hold for 4-2 and never looked back.

Navratilova, who last week beat Sabatini in three sets in a clay-court final, speculated that Sabatini may have suffered a let-down after beating Graf.

"I didn't give her a chance to get set up on the points and get into the match. She probably had some mental fatigue from having such a big win," said Navratilova, who collected \$60,000.

Sabatini said she was simply blitzed by Navratilova.

"I think I was a little tight (from the three-set win over Graf). But Martina is playing great. She started putting pressure on me from the beginning, and I couldn't react," said Sabatini.

Lemon takes Tigers past Royals

Red Sox brush aside Rangers

BOSTON, April 18. (AP): Mike Greenwell drove in a career-high six runs with a homer, two singles and a grounder as the Boston Red Sox broke out of a slump with a 20-lit attack for a 15-2 rout of the Texas Rangers in an American League baseball game yesterday.

Rick Cerone, acquired as a free agent on Thursday, had four hits for the Red Sox, and Jim Rice and Marty Barrett had three hits apiece.

Staked to a 10-0 lead in the first two innings, Bruce Hurst breezed to victory with a four-hitter. He struck out eight and walked three in his first complete game of the season.

Tigers 8, Royals 6

Chee Lemon extended his hitting streak to 10 Detroit games, driving in two runs and scoring twice, and Jeff Robinson pitched the Tigers' narrow victory over the Kansas City Royals.

Robinson, 1-1, allowed three runs on four hits over 6 2/3 innings. Three of the four hits off him were solo homers, two by George Brett and one by Jamie Quirk. Brett also drove in a run in the eighth with a single and had three RBI.

Mark Gubicza, 2-1, gave up five runs on seven hits in four innings for Kansas City. Detroit scored three runs in the second and two in the fourth.

Blue Jays 2, Twins 0

Mike Flanagan and Tom Henke combined on a seven-hit shutout, and Kelly Gruber figured in both Toronto runs as the Blue Jays snapped a four-game losing streak with a 2-0 victory over the Minnesota

The White Sox scored what

turned out to be the winning run in the ninth on a single by Donnie Hill and three walks by Eric Plunk. Jose Canseco drove in a run with a double off John Davis in the ninth to pull the A's within one run.

Astros 5, Reds 3

Nolan Ryan struck out nine and broke a tie with a two-run single as Houston beat Cincinnati 5-3.

Ryan, who has not pitched a complete game since April 25, 1986 versus Cincinnati, pitched eight innings allowing seven hits. Dave Smith got the final three outs for his second save.

With the score tied 2-2 in the second, Mark Bailey singled and Chuck Jackson doubled. Ryan then poked a single off shortstop Barry Larkin's glove into center to score both runners. Ryan later scored the third run of the inning off Jamie Jackson's second ball of the inning.

Ryan, 2-0, got off to a shaky start when Larkin hit the second pitch of the game for his first home run.

Mets 3, Cardinals 2

Kevin Elster's two-out single in the ninth inning scored Mookie Wilson from third base and New York beat St Louis 3-2 for the Mets' sixth consecutive victory.

The Mets tied the score in the eighth on run-scoring singles by Darryl Strawberry and Kevin McReynolds and then went on to complete their first three-game sweep of St Louis at Shea stadium since July 1984. The Cardinals fell to 0-5 on the road.

Roger McDowell, 1-0, pitched two scoreless innings for the victory and Peters lost his first.

White Sox 7, Athletics 6

Lance Johnson doubled home two runs, sending Chicago ahead during a five-run fourth inning,

and the White Sox held on to beat the Oakland's Athletics 7-6 to sweep their three-game series.

Rookie pitcher Jack McDowell, 1-1, got the victory despite giving up three runs in the first and a two-run homer by Dave Parker in the fifth. He allowed three hits and five runs over five innings.

The White Sox scored what

Forest win centenary tourney final

LONDON, April 18. (Reuter): Manager Brian Clough, deprived eight days ago of the chance of his first Football Association (FA) Cup final appearance at Wembley, gained some consolation yesterday when Nottingham Forest won the English League centenary festival.

But Clough was not at Wembley to savour the triumph. He elected to stay away to prevent taking the spotlight for his young side, who bounced back their FA Cup semifinal defeat by Liverpool.

Earlier yesterday, in the

semifinals, Forest had struggled against Fourth Division Tranmere, who on Saturday disposed of Wimbledon and Newcastle, both of the First Division.

Forest twice led but Tranmere pulled back both times and the match went to penalties. Ian Muir, who had scored both Tranmere goals, stepped up first in the shoot-out but Sutton was first and Stuart Pearce scored for Forest.

Wednesday earned their final place with a 2-1 victory over Manchester United, substitute Colin West grabbing the winner with a splendid 30-metre drive.

Ricardo Viera, Mario da Silva, Carlos Herrera and Daniel Rivero scored the first four penalty kicks for Tranmere, while Uruguayan goalkeeper Oscar Ferrero stopped a shot by Celso, the first Forest player to face him, and Sousa's kick hit the bar.

The Portuguese players who scored were Raudine, Semedo and Placido.

Most of Tranmere's attacks came through long passes. In two occasions, left-winger Jorge Cabrera received long passes alone in the penalty area, but both times he failed to stop the ball and missed good chances to score.

Dutch soccer

AMSTERDAM, April 18. (Reuter): PSV Eindhoven, already comfortable winners of the Dutch First Division, were held to a 1-1 draw away to Roda JC yesterday after deciding to leave three of their key players on the bench.

Napoli, with Argentine World Cup captain Maradona playing a fine game but failing to score from his favourite free-kick shots, got a consolation goal in the 83rd minute through Brazilian Careca after a piece of virtuoso footwork by Maradona.

Results

Ascoli	1	Sampdoria	1
Avellino	1	Pescara	0
Como	2	Cosenza	0
Empoli	0	Torino	0
Inter	3	Fiorentina	0
Juventus	3	Napoli	1
Pisa	0	Verona	0
Roma	0	Milan	1

Penarol beat Porto on penalties

NEWARK, New Jersey, April 18. (AP): Uruguay's Penarol yesterday beat Porto of Portugal 4-3 on penalties after regulation time ended 0-0 in a rematch of their Intercontinental Cup clash last year in Tokyo.

The Portuguese team defeated Penarol 2-1 in Tokyo last December in a game played on a field covered by snow. Porto claimed the Cup, which is recognised as the World Club Championship.

Wednesday saw Penarol score four goals in the first half and Porto three.

Porto's three goals came from

penalties, while Penarol's came from goals.

Attacks

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Lineker scores as Real Sociedad's hopes fade

MADRID, April 18. (Reuter): England's Gary Lineker struck a superb goal for Barcelona as their 2-0 win yesterday virtually ended any lingering hopes Real Sociedad had of stopping Real Madrid retaining the Spanish League title.

Sociedad now trail Real Madrid by nine points with only five games left. Real Madrid drew 0-0 away at Celta on Saturday.

Lineker's goal 13 minutes later

was a fine volley from 10 metres

which left goalkeeper Luis Arconada no chance.

But later Barcelona might

have scored at least three more

goals but for excellent work by Arconada.

Budd receives strong support as British athletics faces crisis

LONDON, April 18. (Reuter): Beleaguered Zola Budd received strong support yesterday from fellow athletes and officials as British athletics faced the worst crisis in its history.

One top official even accused the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) of "bandana-republic politics."

All British athletes face a ban from international competition, including the Olympics, if their national governing body refuse to bow to the demand of their international counterparts to suspend Budd for 12 months.

Budd, a naturalised Briton, was found guilty on Saturday of breaking IAAF

SPORTS

DUJON HITS CENTURY FOR W. INDIES

Pakistan lose three quick wickets

PORT-OF-SPAIN, April 18. (Reuter): Needing 372 to beat West Indies in the second Test and to take a 2-0 lead in the three match series, Pakistan were 107-3 at the close of the fourth day yesterday.

West Indies had earlier been bowled out shortly before lunch for 391 with Jeffrey Dujon completing his fifth Test century.

Pakistan, after a free-flowing start when Rameez Raja and Mudassar put on 60 in 17.3 overs, almost ground to a standstill after tea scoring 41 runs in the final session albeit in only 22 overs.

Edged

The West Indies managed to bowl a mere 49 overs in 4 hours and 10 minutes. Having been 60-0, Pakistan suffered a mini-collapse losing three wickets for seven runs. First Mudassar, aiming to drive Benjamin, edged a ball that left him off the wicket and was magnificently caught by Dujon low in front of the first slip.

Shoaib was in for 25 minutes and failed to get off the mark before Benjamin bowled him with a beauty that cut back sharply.

In the first over after tea, Malcolm Marshall celebrated his 30th birthday by having Rameez,



Dujon: fifth Test ton

on 44, caught at first slip by Viv Richards.

Thereafter, Javed two not out at tea and Salim Malik, dug in with both batsmen scoring only 17 runs each in the final session. The West Indian second innings, standing at 329-8 over-

night, was skilfully prolonged by Dujon who farmed much of the strike against a tired and depleted attack. Sixty two runs were added in 97 minutes with Dujon scoring 36 of them having been 70 overnight.

When Benjamin was ninth out for 16 at 357, having put on 56 with Dujon, the West Indian keeper was still 14 short of a first Test hundred since November 1984 at Perth. Walsh defended admirably.

Allowing Dujon to go from 92 to 100 in singles, but after having had an unaccustomedly long stay of nearly an hour at the crease, Walsh could not resist having a slog against Abdul Qadir and was stumped when he charged down the wicket. This gave Qadir, who had trapped Benjamin lbw, his fourth wicket in a marathon bowl of 47.4 overs costing 148 runs.

Dujon's highly accomplished 106 not out was scored off 175 balls and contained 13 fours.

Curiously his previous highest score in five Tests against Pakistan was his first innings score of 24. This was no doubt the reason for the Pakistani Manager, Intikhab Alam's bold assertion after the first Test that the West Indian tail began with Dujon.

Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings 174

(V. Richards 49, Imran Khan four for 38, Abdul Qadir four for 83).

PAKISTAN first innings 194 (S. Malik 66 M. Marshall four for 55).

WEST INDIES second innings

(overnight 329 for eight)

Greenidge c sub (Anjum) b Imran 29

D. Haynes c Ejaz Ahmad b Imran 0

R. Richardson c Yousef b Imran 40

A. Logie b Imran 1

V. Richards lbw Akram 123

C. Hooper c Ejaz b Imran 26

J. Dujon not out 106

M. Marshall b Qadir 2

C. Ambrose lbw Qadir 9

W. Benjamin lbw Qadir 16

C. Walsh b Yousef b Qadir 12

Extras (b-9 lb-14 nb-4) 27

Total 391

Fall of wickets: 1-2 54 3-64 4-81

5-175 6-272 7-284 8-301 9-357.

Bowling: Imran 45-9-115-5 (1 nb).

Akram 25-4-75-1 (1 nb), Qadir 47-4

6-148-2 (2 nb), Faqir 4-0-22-0.

PAKISTAN second innings:

Rameez c Richards b Marshall 44

Mudassar c Dujon b Benjamin 13

Shoaib Mohammed b Benjamin 0

Javed Miandad not out 19

Salim Malik not out 17

Extras (b-1 lb-6 nb-7) 14

Total (three wickets) 107

Fall of wickets: 1-60 2-62 3-67

Bowling to date: Marshall 11-1-34

1, Ambrose 9-3-15-0, Walsh 15-5-24

0, Benjamin 14-6-27-2.



Norman scores first US win in two years

HILTON HEAD, S.C., April 18. (Reuter): Australia's Greg Norman yesterday came from four strokes back to score his first US Tour victory in two years at the \$700,000 Heritage Classic.

Norman played bogey-free, five-under-par 66 round for a 13-under-par 271 total worth \$126,000. He last won in the United States in May 1986 at the Las Vegas Invitational, but has had great success in Australian tournaments during his US drought.

Missed

South African David Frost and Gil Morgan finished one stroke behind Norman at 12-under 272. Frost had a chance to send the tournament into a playoff on the final hole, but his 25-foot birdie attempt missed to the left.

Third round leader Fred Couples struggled with a two over par 73 and finished in fourth place at 274.

McNulty captures Open title

CANNES, France, April 18. (Reuter): Zimbabwean Mark McNulty, out of action for four months until recently because of double pneumonia, bounced back to shoot a final round 66 and win the Cannes Open golf championship by three strokes yesterday.

The second victory of the year for Lopez was worth \$60,000 which brought her total career earnings to \$2,044,946.

Pat Bradley, Joanne Carner and Amy Alcott are the only other players who have earned more than \$2 million on the US Women's Golf Tour.

Lopez shot a five-under-par 67 to finish the 54-hole event tied with Spain's Marta Figueras-Dotti at six-under 210.

On the second hole of their playoff, Figueras-Dotti three-putted from 40 feet for a bogey that sealed Lopez's victory.

"I am a little disappointed," the Spaniard said. "When you want it so bad and it does not happen, it is really tough," added Figueras-Dotti, who shot three rounds of two-under 70.

Colleen Walker, who shot a five-under-par 67, finished in third place just one stroke behind the leaders.

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Lopez put herself in the hunt for the winner's cheque with an eagle on the second hole. She caught Figueras-Dotti with birdies on the fifth, 11th and 12th holes.

"I really hit the ball well today. I got my irons together," said Lopez.

The victory was worth \$31,600 (\$59,700) to McNulty.

The 34-year-old Johannesburg-based professional, winner of 12 tournaments between September 1986 and August 1987 around the world, missed all but three events on southern Africa's Sunshine circuit after being struck down by the virus.

He collected seven birdies after dropping a stroke at the opening hole, to finish on a nine-under-par 279 for the tournament and overhaul third round leader Ron Commans, who managed only a 72.

Commans finished joint second on 282 with fellow American Joey Sindelar, who fired a two-under-par 70.

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McNulty, who had a hole-in-one in the third round, sank putts of 20 feet and 40 feet for two of his final round birdies.

"The pneumonia was miserable but it turned out to be a blessing in disguise. After being in contention almost every week I badly needed a break and it forced me to rest," McNulty said.

"I never expected to bounce back so quickly. Now, obviously, I can go one better than last year's second place to Ian Woosnam in the European Order of Merit. But my priority is just to try to win more tournaments and let everything else take care of itself."

Commans birdied the final hole after a shaky spell and drew level with Sindelar, who is lying sixth in the US money list.



Celtics and Lakers lose again

NEW YORK, April 18. (AP): The Los Angeles Lakers and Boston Celtics have been the only two NBA teams to hit the road with any success this season. Late, the road has been hitting back.

The Lakers, who've had their troubles away from the forum for the last month, dropped their fifth straight road game by losing to Houston 127-119.

The Celtics, who along with the Lakers are the only two NBA teams over .500 away from home this season, lost their second road game in three days, falling to Washington 98-92.

In other NBA games yesterday, it was Chicago 105, Milwaukee 97; Denver 133, Dallas 122; and Portland 122, Sacramento 112.

Rockets 127, Lakers 119.

Los Angeles may have caught the Rockets at a bad time. Two nights earlier, Houston blew a 20-point lead in a 132-125 loss to Denver.

"We showed everyone how well we could play in the first half

against Denver and how bad in the second half," Rockets forward Rodney McCray said.

"Today we wanted to show the fans how good we could play for an entire game."

The victory broke Houston's eight-game losing streak to the Lakers. The two clubs could meet in the second round of the playoffs.

"We had a challenge with this team," said centre Akeem Olajuwon, who led Houston with 38 points before fouling out. "We were mentally prepared, and you have to be prepared for every game."

Magic Johnson had 19 points, 10 rebounds and 12 assists for this season and the 95th of his career.

"It seems like other teams are a little more in synch than we are right now," Johnson said. "We're just trying to get it going."

The Lakers have not won on the road since beating Golden State on March 20.

Bullets 98, Celtics 92.

The Celtics, who were burned in Cleveland Friday night, over-

came an 11-point deficit in the final period, only to be outscored 7-0 in the final 1:55.

Jim Paxson's jumper gave Boston a 92-91 lead. But Jeff Malone put the Bullets back in front and Darrell Walker then stole the ball from Robert Parish and drove for a layup and a 95-92 lead.

Walker, who has played little since a December ankle injury, has made key plays in two victories in the past week.

"Darrill's given us a lift."

Washington coach Wes Unseld said. "He was playing that well before he got hurt, but it was almost two months before he was ready to come back."

The victory, Washington's first in six meetings with the Celts, moved the Bullets into a tie with New York for the final two Eastern Division playoff spots.

Moses Malone had 24 points for Washington and Jeff Malone 23. Larry Bird topped five Boston starters in double figures with 23 points as the Celtics' bench produced only 11 points.

RESULTS of the SAS Bridge Club games played on Sunday:

N/S

1. Lyn Edwards & Pearl Leavy

2. Ally Lamont & Nicole Isander

3. Sandra Turvey & Gill Wilde

E/W

1. Nida Khalaf & Jolene Chiles

2. Camille Sabuwana & Khouda Tams

3. Daphne El Saad & Margaret Maynard

SPORTS BRIEFS

Title fight

TOKYO, April 18. (Reuter): World Boxing Council (WBC) super-flyweight champion Gilberto Roman of Mexico will defend his title against Japan's Yoshiyuki Uchida at Kawagoe, near Tokyo, on July 9. Japanese promoters said today. Roman regained the title from Jesus 'Sugar Baby' Rojas of Colombia on points at Miami Beach on April 8.

S. Korean Open

SEOUL, April 18. (Reuter): Defending Champion Jim Grabb of the United States did not survive the first round of the South Korean Open tennis championships today, going down 6-3, 7-5 to unseeded Briton Andrew Castle.

Sixth-seeded Grabb, who beat compatriot Andre Agassi in the 1987 final, never settled against his less-experienced opponent.

Soviet player

SOFIA, April 18. (Reuter): Vladimir Zhigil of the Soviet Union has become the first foreigner to play for a Bulgarian basketball team, following a decision to allow clubs to employ legionnaires. Zhigil, a former national team player who was previously with Dynamo Moscow, made his debut with Sofia's Levski Spartak on Saturday.

Plastic surgery

LONDON, April 18. (AP): Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards, the improbable hero of the Winter Olympics, is considering plastic surgery to improve his looks. Edwards, the bespectacled Briton who was cheered as he finished last in both the 70- and 90-metre ski jumps at Calgary, told London newspapers he had been offered the operation free of charge by an American specialist, Dr Robert van Boven.

Swedish skier

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, April 18. (AP): Ingemar Stenmark, the most successful slalom and giant slalom skier in history, today said he will race on a limited basis at least one more season. "I have decided to compete only in slalom next season," the 32-year-old veteran said in an interview from his native Tarnaby in north Sweden.

Drug tests

FRANKFURT, West Germany, April 18. (Reuter): From next season, West German soccer players will for the first time have to undergo drug tests in domestic competition.

Rio tennis

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 18. (Reuter): Argentina's Javier Frana won the most important tournament of his career to date, beating Brazilian Cassio Motta 7-5 4-6 6-3 in the final of the \$75,000 Rio de Janeiro Men's Tennis Open yesterday.

IOC members

LILLEHAMMER, Norway, April 18